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# 'I can only wish Zukerman a field of endeavour exalted enough to match his genius'



## A DIFFERENT TUNE

IN YOUR STORY, *Western* orchestra administrator Henry Fogel gives an impressive list of desirable characteristics for a music director ("Mr. Diplomacy Sids-Armund," Music, Sept. 4). Inevitably in read that producing him that music is something that, but then again, when Zukerman got selected the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, both as assistant conductor of *Swireling* and *Mosart* concertos, and *Barthelme* to teach symphony a few seasons ago, he evidently believed that his presence was sufficient. It was a fairly robust of standard weeks. It's not a great surprise to read about the difficult times he is going through. One certainly with him of an endeavour could enough to match his genius.

David A. Hildman, Vancouver



THE ARTICLE on the disappointment of the Toronto Zukerman in music director of the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa seemed focused on conspiracy issues without giving full due to the success. I can say this because you included my complaint dating back to 1998 when, as president of the Canadian League of Composers, I remarked the fact that the NACO was performing enough Canadian music. Had *Maclean's* contacted me now, I would have told a different story, given how the orchestra has done much to promote and perform the music of its three resident composers over the past few years and established a Young Composers Workshop. Indeed, the

NACO's entire Young Artists Program and its other educational initiatives are worthy of much greater recognition. Some story also makes little mention of the increased amount of national and international touring that the orchestra has undertaken under Zukerman's leadership. As a resident of Kingston, Ont., I am pleased to report that Zukerman is bringing the orchestra back to our city for the fourth time in the past eight or so years.

John Burger, Ontario School of Music, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

## CONSPIRACY THEORIES

MARK STEIN wonders why to study U.S. election chink officials knew of, or participated in, 9/11 ("Call me crazy: I believe terrorists," Books, Sept. 4). In 2003, *Five Engineering*

THIS PAGE and confounding 9/11 conspiracy theories are born of a violent anti-Americanism and a no-end approach to radical belief. Instead of wiring off such people as fictionalized diabolists or crazy lunatics, we ought to name them for what they are: 9/11 deniers. Like *Maclean's* deniers before them, they blame the victims, reject the tragedy and rewrite history to reveal their own diabolical ends.

Scott Andrews, Ottawa

IT IS INCREDIBLE to realize that people around you are crazy enough to believe the balderdash put up by the conspiracy theories. But even more disturbing is that one of those theories is a profession of one of our supposedly eminent academics. What I would like to know is how the University of Western Ontario can justify keeping Dawkins on staff, and why any of us should pay tuition fees to have him teaching our kids?

Andrew Park, Toronto

IF YOU WONDER what Dawkins is doing on the faculty of a Canadian university, it is because you are laboring under the mistaken notion that university professors are more knowledgeable or intelligent than the general run of the population. In my 25 years on the University of Toronto faculty, I've come to conclude that the distribution of university faculty intelligence is identical to the general population. To wit, there are a lot of idiots around. The main difference between university faculty and the general run of the population is that the former tend to be detached from reality. It would be nice if Western could say, "We've got idiot Dawkins, so you're fired." Don't hold your breath.

Robert S. Orr, Department of Physics, University of Toronto, Toronto

## CHILD'S PLAY

THREE CHILDREN to *Maclean's* for exposing the laxity of a city's law enforcement who are turning our children into marionettes ("Safe and scary," Sept. 4) and the new effort to "pre-empt" school grounds with logs, barriers and sand pits. On a recent trip to France, my wife and I were shocked to see a 20-foot high spider web like play apparatus with happy pictures on it overlooking all over it. There was no sand nor were there any marionettes or lifelike bodies strewn about. Instead? In more similar coun-

tries, children look out for themselves, face challenges and actually have some fun. Back home we hear about an acquaintance who sold her three-year-old not just for marriage, but willing backwoods.

Grant Kerr, Saint John, N.B.

AS A CHILDREN'S ART instructor and parent to several over-coddled children, I have been shocked over the bubble that we are putting our children in. I have come across 10-year-olds who are not allowed to use scissors. It saddens me to see generations of children being deprived of learning adventures because of safety regulations. We are raising a generation of children with no skills, no imagination, a great deal of fear and a great deal of apathy. It is time to re-examine what we are doing to our children in the name of keeping them safe.

Danisa Tipper, Toronto

HAVE YOU HIDE? I've never heard of cooties? We take you to (both boys and girls) and expose them to all sorts of "stuffs." They get to go camping, build fires, sleep on the ground under canvas or lean-to or even in igloos. They learn to use tools such as knives, axes and saws. They stay up late at night listening to the wind howling about what it signals and we live in. They get to practice archery and shoot pellet guns. Some even shoot long or cotton rifles as well. These youths are often ignored from their parents for days at a time as compared to what is held back, and many kids, away from the parental home. Some years even travel to the other side of the world. These kids are so busy few have time to get into trouble.

Wegh Gaudin, Newmarket, Ont.

## WE ALL HAVE MAIL

IT DOESN'T TAKE a rocket scientist to figure out that Google's reading our e-mail ("Got a date Friday? Google knows," Web, Aug. 28) just takes a quick glance at the sponsor links on the side of the e-mail and use the relevancy of the advertisements to the content of our e-mail. Google is a free service, yet Google still needs to maintain an infrastructure and staff to provide it. Any business expert will tell you that e-mail, in general, is not secure because any server the e-mail passes through is readable by the administrators of the system. Google found a way to make money from it.

Nick DeLorenzo, Ottawa

## OOOPS!

I TURN to page 23, like your Sept. 25 cover ("Public life, private tragedy") says and I find the Adrienne Clarkson story on page 66 missed. "Wike up!"

David Matthews, Owen Sound, Ont.

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## A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF SHAWN GRAHAM

New Brunswick's new premier thanked all the small aspects in his victory speech on Monday—his family, staff, and, of course, the voters. But the Liberal leader probably owes his biggest debt of gratitude to election officials, who recently threw the province's 19 ridings over to slightly in his favour. Graham's party did not win the popular vote (47.7 per cent) led by Bernard Lord's Conservatives (47 per cent) close Liberal), but the Grifts still managed to capture 29 seats.

## Good news

### Let's get it on

Finally, it appears somebody as truly witty as was the Liberal leadership race. After five months of jockeying each other, neither candidate was starting to lose the meaningful debate voters deserve. As a favour to Yves, however this week, Bob Rae and Stéphane Dion unleashed a fierce attack, grilling Michael Ignatieff over his well-publicized support for the U.S. invasion of Iraq. "I have not yet heard anyone Mr Bush was wrong," Rae told Ignatieff, his long-time friend. Dion then raised an article by Ignatieff entitled, "Why we're in Iraq", emphasizing that the "we" referred to Americans, and chided Ignatieff for supporting a Conservative election to mind Canada's mission in Afghanistan. "I've said we're serious and realistic about the use of military force to spread democracy than he is," he said. The proverbial gloves are officially off. It's about time.

### Real intelligence

Four years after being depicted by the U.S. as Syria when he was revealed as a suspected terrorist, Maher Arar was vindicated this week. Justice Dennis O'Connor, who headed the Arar inquiry, concluded "conclusively" that there is no evidence Arar committed any offence or was a security threat. O'Connor led blame on the RCMP, saying the police shared faulty intelligence with the U.S., likely leading to Arar's arrest. Prime Minister Stephen Harper vowed to act swiftly on the report's recommendations, which include reparations to the Arar family.

**Harper's palsley day**  
Stephen Harper chose the interruption of Parliament this week to come out fresh. The

## Bad news

### You're killing us

CBC chairman Guy Fournier resigned this week after the public caught wind of his efforts to be funny about defences and the sexual perversion of lawmakers. We fed him a canner. Fournier was forced to resign for making a crude joke of the judge that led him to his work in trade through a 50-year career in print and broadcasting. If his jokes are that objectionable he should never have been reported in the first place.

in which he admitted that the government had had about the economy in an effort to guarantee a return to the tax decision. "We screwed up. Not a little, a lot," the prime minister can be heard to say on the 15-minute recording. "No European country has done something in the decade as we have." On Tuesday, this Prime Minister Stephen Harper declared a state of emergency after the entry of a coup while he was in New York City to address the United Nations. For months, Thaksin has faced calls to resign amid allegations of corruption and abuse of power.

### Chads were simpler

Electronic voting machines are an open invitation to would-be hackers, according to a Princeton University computer science professor. Last week, Edward Felten said two graduate students posted a paper on the university's website describing how they were able to hack into the Diebold NextVote TS, a machine widely used in elections across the country, and upload malicious software quickly and easily. According to the report, the team was able to install the software in a matter of seconds by picking the binary lock to the door that controls the machine's memory card slot and power bus. This kind of access, they said, potentially gives hackers the opportunity to elect one million or disable a machine altogether. The marketing director for the Diebold expressed outrage over the paper, claiming that the company's newer models are outfitted with accuracy measures to prevent this sort of tampering. Regardless, the NextVote TS was the model used across Maryland in its primary election last Tuesday. ■

The only bright spot in this is that with Fournier gone, the CBC may finally get some sense and vigorous leadership. (Can any one explain why the Paul Martin Liberals are fit to appoint a 74-year-old man to a five-year term on hand of an institution desperately in need of root and branch change?)

### More boneheads

It was a bad week for valiant democrats. Thousands of Hungarian protesters called for the resignation of Tusciano Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany after a recording of the PM was leaked

## FACE OF THE WEEK



**MAHER ARAR** is getting a job and relief after a full inquiry into his deportation to Syria, and subsequent torture. Ends five miserable

### Borat make benefit

Borat, the outrageously offensive Kuchik TV impersonator played by U.K. comedian Sacha Baron Cohen, isn't the ambassador Kazakhstan would have chosen in a campaign to correct his wacky portrayal of life in the country (the Borat's growing popularity could prove to be as expected here for Kazakhstan). The New York Times recently highlighted the Kuchik city of Almaty as a model destination. Before Borat, an anti-semitic old Las Vegas Daily Mail, few Americans were aware the country existed.

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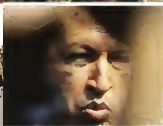
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## CONCLAVE IN CUBA

Diplomats, heads of state, and delegates representing the 115 mostly developing nations that form the Non-Aligned Movement gathered in the Cuban capital of Havana for the organization's 15th summit since its founding in 1964. In a final statement, they condemned Israel for the recent conflict in Lebanon, agreed to support Iran's nuclear energy plans, and implicitly criticized much of U.S. foreign policy. The good news is that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India and President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan agreed to restart stalled peace talks. The summit's host, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, is recovering from surgery and was unable to make a public appearance. He was elected chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement for the next three years.

1-4 Summit along Havana's Malecón boulevard: North Korean parliamentary chief Kim Yong Nam (left) at the summit; a flower vendor brightens up Havana's old quarter; Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe follows the multilingual discussions.

5-8 Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh addressed the summit but saved his most important work for private meetings with Pakistan's Pervez Musharraf; group exercises in central Havana; Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez seen through a throng of reporters; young people enjoying Havana's picturesque seashore.

9-12 An elderly Cuban buys a rationed bread; Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad; Cuban people stroll along Havana's Prado promenade; Fidel Castro, brother of Cuba's living leader, keeps spirits up.

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GILLIAN TRIGGS: the apple

## FORMER MP CARRIES MINISTER'S BINDERS

The first day of the new session of Parliament this week had a very back-to-school feel. An Opposition Period approached, Bloc leader Gilles Duceppe was the flyer clomping on a McIntosh apple and former NDP MP Mike Desjarlais, who was pushed out of her party over her stand against gay marriage, was coming down the House stairs carrying a pile of binders for her new boss, Conservative Veterans Affairs Minister Greg Thompson. The press gallery, which is usually empty because reporters tend to watch Question Period on TV, was packed. Parliamentarians like Minister of Public Safety Stephen LeDuc seemed to be on their best behavior the first day back. Day, who appeared to be prying when a moment of silence was observed for the victims at Dawson College (see below) the Question Period bells about gone (noted before), actually thanked a group of seven journalists for their "good questions." Other MPs running around the lower after Question Period included Agriculture Minister Chuck Strahl, who had brought his spouse to the House but seemed to have misplaced her. "I lost my wife," he reported.

## THE PM AND MRS. BOUCHER GET ALL SPICED UP

Icelanda Stronach, sporting longer hair, a Hugo Boss suit (spring 2006) and new Hugo Boss shoes, was in the House right after 11 a.m. when the first session opened. Stronach's one true fashion advice to Stephen Harper—"You should never begin to add more colour to your wardrobe"—seems to have been taken under advice, much by the Prime Minister. The first day of Parliament saw him wearing a handsome steel-coloured suit with a yellow shirt and smart brown patterned tie. There was much rife when he descended with his parliamentary secretary and strategic consultant Quebec MP Sylvie Bouchette, who, during the last session, wore what appeared to be the same unfortunate black and white dress over and over again. It was usually several unfortunate black and white dresses, with only

style differences in the pattern. Bouchette must finally have gone shopping because she wore a beautiful rust-coloured outfit that complemented the PM's new fall look. Her strategic consultant position may now be safe for another term.

## THERE'S ALWAYS ONE TROUBLEMAKER

Meeting MP Denis Cordery was nearly around to the front bench for the first time as part of a new Liberal seating plan, and is slowly causing trouble. When Gilles Duceppe was riding Stephen Harper about foreign policy, the PM reminded the House that the Bloc leader actually supports him on the softwood lumber deal. "Therefore, it's new me, George Bush and Gilles Duceppe," said Harper. "While Harper got in trouble for using a member's name in the House, Cordery got away with whispering to his colleague, "[Harper] is against some sex marriage, but he's into three-

THE PM and Bouchette, Stronach, Cordery (right)



BLOC MP VIKAS BHAGAT

quarters," causing much chuckling among his colleagues.

## LIBERAL LEADERSHIP DROPOUTS

Michael Ignatieff and Scott Brison took the red-eye from the Vancouver Liberal leadership debate to be back in the House for the first day—the other Liberal leadership hopefuls who sat in MPs were absent. All the leadership candidates have been pinned off somewhere else from each other in the Liberals' new seating plan that puts the group heads four Bloc MPs. Even Liberal leadership dropouts Carolyn Bennett and Manikto Berlinguer have been moved near the Bloc. "It's a good opportunity for all of us to work on our French," quipped Scott Brison. Bloc MP Vikas Bhagat, who declined former foreign affairs minister Pierre Pettigrew in the last election, noted not quite so jovially. "Sitting beside us won't change anything. If they want to improve their French they have to learn and struggle like the Pyrene Mountains. He speaks French now." ■

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## 'Conrad Black thinks I overplay the unloved thing, but I found there was something sort of touching about Nixon'

MARGARET MACMILLAN ('PARIS 1919') TALKS TO KENNETH WHYTE ABOUT HER NEW BOOK, 'NIXON IN CHINA: THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD'

**Q** It's always said only Nixon could have gone to China. I've previously never been convinced that's true. Why couldn't someone like Reagan or Ford or Nelson Rockefeller or other Republican leaders have done that period?

A It could have been, I think. I'm always torn in my own mind on the question of whether things happen because the times are right or because of the role of the individual, and I think the times were right for an American president to go to China more than they had been perhaps 20 years previously but I think Nixon actually is important because he was prepared to sign it through his nerves, even though everyone says this is the absolute thing to do, it takes someone to actually make it happen.

**Q** What was right about the time?  
A The United States was very concerned about its place in the world. It was worried about the Soviet Union, which was appearing to be expanding its influence into the Third World, it was very keen by Vietnam—there was a real blow to its prestige. Even after Nixon was elected on the promise of getting the U.S. out of Vietnam, it was really difficult. And so I think there was a sense that they needed support in a way they hadn't perhaps needed 10 years previously. And I think in China's case, Mao is key. I mean, other Chinese may have realized that China needed friends, but until Mao decided, it wouldn't

happen. And I think he realized at least some of the damage of the Cultural Revolution, but they were also really, really worried about the Soviet Union. There was fighting in '69, and all these reasons that Soviet diplomats were going around saying to people like American diplomats, "What would you say if we dropped a few bombs on China's satellites?" So I think on both sides there was a sense that they needed more friends than they had.

**Q** You made a strong case that Nixon's trip to China was a moving event. You cite Gorbachev's words about the significance of his visit. But, in retrospect, how significant was it? I mean, can't you view it in the same league as the moon landing—discovering to watch how it's seen as a consequence?

A Yeah, I think you can. I think what happened during the visit wasn't that important, but the fact of the visit was important, and in a way the mere distance event is Henry Kissinger's secret trip in which they agree that Nixon will be invited to China and they agree that they will discuss various issues, including Taiwan. But I like the visit because sometimes seeing the water parting through an episode like that makes sense. I wanted to take the visit itself and use it to look at the overall relationship between China and the United States.

**Q** We live the culture of the book suggests that this event changed the world, and if you look at it from the perspective of today, yes, Chinese-American relations are somewhat warmer than they were 40 years ago. But most of the West-

ern world is enjoying a slightly warmer relationship with China. There's still a great deal of uncertainty and tension and potential for conflict between the countries. What has changed?

A I think you're absolutely right, but I think the '72 visit is very important because it does mark an end of one period and the opening of a new one. And although it doesn't happen right away, because Mao doesn't die for another four years and so the sort of extreme Maoist policies of the Cultural Revolution are still in place, it does begin the opening. The things Kissinger actually didn't think were all that important—the economic and cultural and other exchanges—in fact begin the process where China gets out and acquires knowledge and expertise from the world that helps in its rapid development and once Deng Xiaoping comes back into power.

**Q** Right. The death of Mao was the great catalytic factor here.

A Oh yes. As Longjun Mao was there it was like a cork in a bottle. Some of the more extreme policies of the Cultural Revolution were gradually being modified—the workers were being told to stop having meetings every five minutes and actually get back to work, and the universities were beginning to reopen—but as long as Mao was alive and he had that grip around him who claimed to speak in his name, very little could be done. "Probs" was still a dirty word and "imperialism" was a dirty word, all that sort of thing. And once Mao dies and the Gang of Four are arrested, then things change rad-

ically quickly and you get that wonderful slogan by '76, "To get rich is glorious."

**Q** I came away from the book—fairly or not—media picture in my mind of Nixon as an individual whose sole interest in life was his great expertise and daring in foreign policy. Otherwise he was a lonely, isolated, unhappy, and lonely man whose week, it was claimed, never lived here.

A Maybe. I mean, he's very difficult to see. Conrad Black, with whom I've discussed Nixon—thanks I overplay the unloved thing, but Nixon was an unloved man. And I found there was something sort of touching about him, the wanting to be loved and wanting to be a grateful president, and all these rather touching moments he writes to himself about "try and be worthy of this great country." He was a patriot and I think in some ways a very great president. And if you look back, if he had dealt with Kissinger differently, I think it could have been quite different. I've always thought if he'd told about Kissinger right at the beginning, "This is disgraceful, we'll get to the bottom of it, I apologise to everyone concerned," he might have saved it.

**Q** Henry Kissinger, who led the ground work for the visit, is another brilliant individual with great expertise in international relations, but a difficult personality—strategic thinking and deeply nasty towards Nixon at times, and arrogant toward him.

A And, you know, you never got Nixon down to Kissinger. You really don't. I've read a lot of Nixon and Kissinger biographies and memoirs, and nowhere does Nixon say horrible things about Kissinger.

**Q** There are occasions in which he says quite complimentary things about Kissinger.

A It's very hard to know, but I've seen, when it's been better, and if anyone were about to say of it, they'd say the same sort of thing of other terms, some good...

**Q** Except you or me.

**A** Well, we'd be sort of Middle or Ultra-placid, you know. But what I always say to my students is, yes, they're very powerful, but they're not human beings and they behave in a monstrously unhuman way. And I think Kissinger is difficult and you can understand how important he would get with people who weren't so brilliant as him. I think, although he never made a close relationship, a sort of happy and secure childhood in Germany and suddenly in all goes, they have to come to the U.S. as colleagues—there's been a mark. I mean, how could it not? He's a very intelligent man. He's also very charming. I've often been struck by thought he was absolutely fascinating.

**Q** As some respects, a hero of the book is China

in 1972, as I think the sheer brutality of the Cultural Revolution, and even the Great Leap Forward, which we now know was probably the biggest mass murder in history—the later estimate is something like 40 million people died—wasn't fully known. Nixon and Co. knew the Communists were tough and ruthless, but—your know, I've read to think about this—Nixon was conservative politically but he was something of a liberal internationalist. He admired Woodrow Wilson, he supported the United Nations, he believed the United States should be part of organizations like NATO, and he was in this sort of isolationist school at all. And I think he simply saw that some sort of relationship with China was in the American interest.

**Q** Is the Bushy viewpoint closer perhaps to the spirit of Kissinger's foreign policy than Nixon's?

**Q** I'm not sure with regard to the episode, Nixon's visit, he plays a heroic role in that he is responsible in the process and he made a genuine effort to see that the visit was a success. Mao played a crucial role—he was of great symbolic importance and he appeared to be absolutely necessary—but the meeting doesn't go anywhere without China.

A Yes, the sheer energy of both Kissinger and Zhou Enlai, I mean, they'd be there all day negotiating, and they both had this capacity—which I don't think I'd have—being incredibly patient and going over and over the details and they get what they wanted, like any good negotiators, I guess. And then Zhou would sit back and go to the office and running everything else, and waiting about the details, what were the Americans going to do, what would Nixon like to be about. He was an extraordinary figure.

**Q** Nixon's memoirs are not a measure of the American regime, and he's talking along with him on the visit, some fellow travelers, is calling William F. Buckley, who did not share his enthusiasm for the mission. You've got this wonderful quote from Buckley who had watched Nixon at a banquet. He wrote him to say as if he'd been shocked and suddenly Nixon had watched Nixon at a banquet. He wrote him to say as if he'd been shocked and suddenly Nixon had watched Nixon at a banquet. He wrote him to say as if he'd been shocked and suddenly Nixon had watched Nixon at a banquet.

**Q** It's a weird critical image, isn't it?

**Q** Yes, and gives what you just said about the brutality of the Cultural Revolution it's an important piece of evidence.

A Yes, but I don't know how much Nixon or any of the Americans knew about the Cultural Revolution. I suspect not all that much. It really was only after Mao's death that the outside world began to learn about how bad it was. I started teaching Chinese history in '76 and I remember looking at the Cultural Revolution and asking to my students, "Oh, well, it's probably quite good for students to criticize their teachers," and I wasn't told later that it began to make that criticizing their teachers were a quiet what they were doing—they were beating them up and killing them. China was then a closed world that very few people had any idea of what had

gone on, so I think the sheer brutality of the Cultural Revolution, and even the Great Leap Forward, which we now know was probably the biggest mass murder in history—the later estimate is something like 40 million people died—wasn't fully known. Nixon and Co. knew the Communists were tough and ruthless, but—your know, I've read to think about this—Nixon was conservative politically but he was something of a liberal internationalist. He admired Woodrow Wilson, he supported the United Nations, he believed the United States should be part of organizations like NATO, and he was in this sort of isolationist school at all. And I think he simply saw that some sort of relationship with China was in the American interest.

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A I suppose it is. Kissinger made a judgment that a visit by Nixon didn't. Nixon is not necessarily a hard Communist—he did not at merely—he's more himself as a comrade of the best interests of the United States, and their mutual getting out of Vietnam, repairing all these relationships and dealing with the Soviet Union, doing some negotiations with them but also putting pressure on them. And the China card was a useful one. He said an unconditional visit, it's a mistake to leave such a large and populous country in angry isolation. We talked to several people about this when I was writing the book. Also, Corbin













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# BAD NEWS: WE'RE FINALLY HIRING

**Deaths abroad have had a surprising side effect: a spike in recruitment**

**BY MICHAEL FRISCOLANTO** • Seven months ago, Gen. Rick Hillier, Canada's top military chief of the defence staff, issued a lengthy memo to his subordinates: "Reinventing everybody's business," he wrote, "and I intend to revolutionize our recruiting culture." His recruiting was no coincidence. Days later, Gordon O'Connor, the new Conservative defence minister, announced plans to boost the country's armed forces by a whopping 23,000 members. As always, Gen. Hillier was first. "I expect the complete chain of command to be engaged in an aggressive and complete recruitment strategy," his memo continued. "I expect every viable soldier, sailor, airman and aviator to recognize their role as a potential CF recruit."

The general's note outlined a simple plan: show Canadians what we do. Since then, his military has been on public display as never before, stirring its tanks and frigates and anything else it can appear to high profile events where would-be greenhorns might be beguiled. The Calgary Stampede. The CNE. Even Kingston. Last week, the Defence Department launched the latest phase of what has been dubbed Operation Connection 93: million worth of black and white commercials that would make Oliver Stone blush. With drums beating in the background, heavily armed troops kick down doors, leap from airplanes and muscle flood victims in the risk of life. "Join us," the ads beckon.

Many Canadians have already done just that. In the past five months, the Forces have enrolled nearly 4,400 new members (2,200 full-time and 2,200 reserves). Hillier's marketing

campaign deserves some of the credit. But the spike in applications has as much—if not more—to do with what is being broadcast as with the new recruits as it is supposed to be the commercials in between. The mounting death toll in Afghanistan resulted in 36 on Monday when a suicide bomber killed four soldiers as they dashed safely to local children. Yet as heartbreaking—and politically charged—as the images in the night of those flag draped coffins, they have more potential recruits than any 90-second ad ever will. "It's a sobering experience," says Col. Kevin Coates, the deputy commander of the Canadian Forces Recruitment Group. "I think there is a certain amount of automatic glory and honour surrounding something like that. People are saying, 'You know what? That person did for their country."

**NOBODY HOPES FOR CASUALTIES. BUT NOBODY DENIES THE BODY COUNT IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS.**

Am I willing to do that? Yeah, I think I am." Joe Corcoran is asking himself that question. The 39-year-old is sitting with his best friend, Danny, at the Toronto recruiting centre, reading over the results of his aptitude test. He is considering a job in the infantry, or maybe the military police. "People are concerned about all these dead bodies coming back," he says. "To me, it's just part of life. It's what you're assigned to do, it's

what you agreed to do."

Toronto's recruiting headquarters is tucked inside the first floor of a federal government building on the north end of the city. It would be difficult place to find, if not for the mass inquiries starting out from the window as their navy blues and army greens. Daniel Stephen will be waiting there come army day, but for this morning he is dressed in a dark suit with a red tie and shiny black shoes. It's enrolment day. "This has been the goal for a long time," the 18-year-old says. An Ontario scholar who boasts an impressive 81 percent Grade 12 average, Stephen has agreed to postpone some years of his life to the service in exchange for four years of free tuition at Queen's University, where he will study history and politics. The mission in Afghanistan has only strengthened his desire to serve. "I know I will live over there in the future because

my career is in combat arm," he says, his proud parents standing beside him. "Someone has to take that risk."

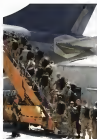
The military needs plenty more. Daniel Stephen's. Over the next decade, the Conservative government wants to increase the full-time force from 62,000 members to 75,000, while adding 16,000 more reservists. This year's overall targets hit 400 new jobs. "We're hiring—that's the message of the day," says Maj. John St. Dennis, the recruitment officer of the Toronto recruiting centre. Like everyone on his staff, St. Dennis knows his sales pitch by heart. A first-year new commissioned member—an army private, for example—earns a starting wage of more than \$15,000, with full benefits, 21 days of paid vacation and, if needed, a discount on military housing. By the fourth year of service, the salary jumps to \$44,000. For skilled tradesmen, the incentives are even higher. The soldiers are dispensed of medical officers, technicians, firemen and signal operators that reservists are all but waving benefits full of cash. A doctor who plugs in four years of service receives an incentive of \$22,500, a sign bonus. "These are more to the Canadian Forces than an infantry soldier with a rifle," St. Dennis says. "A lot of people are queuing back by the scope of occupations that we offer."

As everyone's ready, reservists have endured their fair share of bad news in recent months. In April, the soldier general said that despite everyone's best efforts, "the number of recruits is barely replacing the numbers leaving." Two months later, the Canadian Forces ombudsman delivered another blow, warning that "diluted and faltering" Canadian air forces led to "unsafe and unready staff." One hopeful soldier

said he called for local recruiting centres seven days in a row for an update on his file, but nobody ever phoned him back. "Eventually I just gave up," the applicant said. "I now have a very good job and no longer have any interest in joining the Canadian Forces."

The reports generated the obligatory news stories, rife with disheartening predictions about the military's failure to meet its bold expansion targets. Con. Hillier saw the full-page coverage, noting in his February memo that "the media may question and criticize the CF's ability to recruit members." But he also pointed out what all good publicists already know: any news is good news. "Even negative media attention can have a positive effect, making Canadians aware that the CF is recruiting."

**THE FORCES' INCENTIVES, TOO, ARE TEMPTING. DOCTORS WHO PLEDGE GET A \$225,000 SIGNING BONUS.**



THE FORCES have unveiled 4,400 recruits

and thereby potentially drawing applicants to recruiting centres. "The Forces seem to be taking the same approach on the Kandahar front. To decline potential applicants because of what is happening in Afghanistan?" St. Dennis asks. "Potentially that I can tell you more people are coming in because of what they see in Afghanistan."

Of course, it's not all ramp recruitment and job offers. "People are seeing the great job troops are doing, the difference they are making in a country like Afghanistan—despite the casualties," Col. Coates says. "I tell people in the door to call us in, and after that it becomes common sense when they look at what we have to offer them. When you put the whole package together, I don't think there is any other employer that can touch us." Not a bad ad tag for the next ad. ■

# Martin's makeover

**The former prime minister sets out to refurbish his reputation**

**BY JOHN DECKER** • Paul Martin might want to stay out of headlines this fall, or at least away from the new-releases shelves. Former governor general Adrienne Clarkson's memoir, *After Matters*, has already made headlines for the way she portrays Martin's brief stint as minister of culture as mirrored by his narrow experience in government and by the gaucherie of his allegedly sloppily dressed aide. Due out this month is *The Way It Works: Inside Ottawa* by Jean Chrétien's long-time confidante and adviser Edna Goldenberg, who usually gives his old boss' memoirs a fair amount of credit—but gets in plenty of the expected sharp digs, too. Then, late next month, Maclean's columnist Paul Wells, a noted Martin critic and Chrétien adviser, publishes *After State Up: The Fall of Paul Martin and the Rise of Stephen Harper's New Conservatism*, a book not expected to rank high on the Christmas wish lists of Martin loyalists.

What's a backbench MP to do in the face of such a onslaught? In fact, the right has made a member for Leslie Brundage has already begun quietly laying the groundwork for at least two projects that might help refurbish his reputation. Martin is commissioning on *Planet Martin* as well, a field that certainly offers no shortage of opportunities for good works. Could it become for him what climate change is for Al Gore? Maclean's has learned Martin has been in private discussions with business leaders about founding what a secure fund with the plan called an "Albertan economic development fund." The idea is to create an investment pool entirely without public funding. As well, he'll investigate the possibility of importing an innovative stay-in-school program, pioneered in tough New York City neighbourhoods, to native communities in Canada. Another project could be up and running in a community in northern Ontario early next year.

But if riding on the piggy of reform people gives Martin a chance to look forward, his once-powerful centre is not neglecting the recent past. After keeping their heads down for the most part in the months following the Jan. 23 election loss, some members of Martin's inner circle have begun pop-



ping-pong to correct what they see as unbalanced attacks on the record of the man they liked, so briefly, in the presence of Canadian politicians Tim Murphy, Martin's former chief of staff, now relocated as a Toronto lawyer, and an associate his indication is to "make sure the facts are right" when Martin's record is written about.

Not every point, though, is deemed worthy of a public sparring match. Clarkson's claim in her memoir that some of Martin's "clearest non-elected advisers" came to his Liberal government's July 1994 swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall waving T-shirts and waving sheets set off a flurry of calls among the Martinists to sue if anybody remembered the hype in December. They still think it's not true, but several declined to get

enlightening light on several files. At various points, he remembers Martin trying to cut so-called "benefits" (Chrétien says here), assuring foreign aid spending increases, and blocking child-care funding.

But much more galling for Martin and his followers than any of these polycypas will be Goldenberg's take on the politically anathematized sponsorship affair. Martin's former aides view the scandal in the same legacy bequested to them by Chrétien: They view Martin's response—appointing Justice John Gomersley's inquiry to sort out the mess—as the only chance Liberals had of persuading angry voters the party took the scandal seriously. In the end, however, Goldenberg disagrees. "[Martin] might have taken the approach of reforming

that system for such had to take simply to set up meetings and make sure they came off smoothly. And Goldenberg provides his account of the weekend Martin exited Chrétien's cabinet, portraying Martin as indecisive at best in the way he tried to keep open the option of becoming finance minister after his own public remarks on his deteriorating relationship with Chrétien had clearly made that impossible.

Martin's bid to make sure historians have the benefit of his own version of all that is already under way. Friends and former political allies say he spent long hours that summer huddled up at his home in Quebec, talking about his personal and political journey with Sen. Conway. The former Ontario premier and Liberal politician is transcribing Martin's not merely as both of the National Archives of Canada, as well as helping organize Martin's papers for the archives. The ever-true of asking through his memories is expected to help Martin achieve his goal of writing his own book, which friends say will be both a memoir and a manifesto for the future. "Paul Martin is working on a recollection of his time in public life and a look at the challenges and opportunities facing Canada," Murphy said. "He had no details on how long Martin plans to work on the book or when it might be published."

In the meantime, Martin doesn't seem to be regretting

**AWAY FROM THE MEDIA.** Martin has found opportunities for good works



## WHILE OTHER MPS SCRAMBLE BACK TO OTTAWA,

### MARTIN WILL ATTEND BILL CLINTON'S FORUM IN NEW YORK

take a public head with the former G.O. over it.

That sort of restraint could be the key to rehabilitating Martin's reputation, perhaps even restoring a little lustre to the tarnished image of this old machine. After all, he's new at the stage of coming into a new persona as elder statesman (he gets \$144,000 on top of his MP's budget to fund activities benefiting a former PM). It won't do to be reminding people about how competitive and combative he and his team once were.

Still, certain passages in Goldenberg's book could well hang over their sleeping interests. While he describes "cooperative co-operation" between finance minister Martin and prime minister Chrétien on the big job of tackling the deficit, Goldenberg casts Martin as a

—everything to do the RCMP," he says. Instead, Martin decided that it would be in his political interest to separate himself from his predecessor by highlighting what in fact was an isolated case of unacceptable greed, abuse, and wrongdoing by a few officials in government, a few advertising executives, and a few Liberal party organizers in Quebec, all acting on their own behalf and in their own interests."

The better argument over whether Martin was dealt a losing hand or just played his cards wisely is one aspect of the battle over his record. The Goldenberg book also details the uneasy relationship between Chrétien and Martin, outlining the elaborate steps

ing the international power week he celebrated during his high-flying decade as a millionaire shipping magnate and then a powerful politician. That week, while other MPs were scrambling back to Ottawa for the return of the House of Commons, Martin is slated to be in New York City attending the fall meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative, former U.S. president Bill Clinton's exclusive forum for discussion among "the world's best minds and most distinguished problem solvers." Among the featured participants are Bill Gates and Kofi Annan—winner of whom is likely to trouble Martin by mixing the subject of this fall's crop of Canadian political books. ■



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CHOOSING A leader, Rae says, is all about finding "someone you're comfortable with"

# The Great White Hope

**Bob Rae wants to take the Liberal leadership, but not by using ideas**

BY JOHN GREGG • The quest impossible thing about Bob Rae's bid for the Liberal leadership isn't that he had to make a late-life conversion to the party, which he once denounced for its "xenophobic and empire policy." It isn't that he is trying to become the first former provincial premier to take over the federal Liberalism Edward Blake in 1890, and the first ever to become prime minister. It isn't even that, in the process, he must somehow overturn the conventional wisdom that his Ontario NDP government in the early 1990s was a bust. No, the most

unlikely element of Rae's strategy for upstaging the front runner, Michael Ignatieff, and holding off the other rising contender, Stéphane Dion, is that he admits he's not running on his ideas.

It isn't even what you just about every politician with ambition boasts of as a vision, a blueprint for transformative change, a new way of doing politics. Rae dismisses all that as unimportant. "It's not a campaign about ideas," he told Maclean's. "You're electing a leader, you're not electing an agenda."

Rae is betting his experience and persona, rather than his hypotheses, will win him the hearts of voters. He's justified in not getting many voters feeling comfortable with him, unlike his key rivals, who are hoping to excite them. Ignatieff is proposing centrist policies like a carbon

tax and a new round of constitutional negotiations. Dion is also trying to get Liberals' policy ideas flowing, nothing off the beaten path, though he's been accused of being too much more outside ideas and solutions."

That seems to suit Rae just fine. The choice between his ideas light approach and Dion's platform-heavy appeal could end up being a pivotal one when the leadership race then finally wraps up on Dec. 14th the Liberal's "Monday convention." Most Liberals assume Ignatieff will secure that nomination with the big show of local in-party support, given his status as the only candidate with the backing level of the so-called "Super Weekends" meetings during the last weekend of this month. But, Dion, and former Ontario cabinet minister Gerald Kennedy are expected to play for second, third and fourth place. After the first ballot, the big question is which of them has the best chance of overlooking Ignatieff in what's likely to be a multi-ballot contest.

Kennedy's centrist organisation should win him a strong showing on the first ballot. But his weak French is interestingly seen as letting him upstage potential. That leaves Dion and Rae, who both echo the bilingualism but—though Dion's English at times demands close attention. So far, though, they're both aiming mostly at the median voter rather than either other. As for Rae's debate in Vancouver, Dion led an attack on Ignatieff on his long and Afghanistan issues, but it was Rae who landed the most ringing blow.

Then Ignatieff tried to make the case that he supported cutting Saddam Hussein out of coalition for the rights of Iraq's Kurdish and Shiite minorities. But that backfired. "The issue is, do you stand with George Bush on the issue of Iraq or do you not?"

A frequent refrain in Rae's speeches is how he knows the country "in his bones." He reminds Liberals of the pan-Canadian public choice he took on after losing the 1995 Ontario election and setting politics, then making his name in the 1997 federal election in the role of the Air India bombing investigations. Asked if he's interested in really suggesting a contrast between his lifetime in Canada and Ignatieff's decades away in Britain and the U.S., Rae doesn't deny it. "More than Ignatieff is contrasting himself with me when he says, 'We've been a Liberal all my life.'" He says "What is that about?"

It doesn't take Ignatieff, though, to make an issue of the fact that Rae joined the Liberals only shortly before launching his run for his leadership. Rae says his faith "is more than a number of the family"—but it sure wasn't always that way. "There is a strong

notion and complicity about the Liberal Party of Canada," he told in his 1996 memoir *From Protest to Power*, explaining why the party didn't assassinate him. Apparently, it took the shock of losing last January's election to wipe that notion, complicity look off the Liberal party's collective face sufficiently far Rae, who quit the NDP in 2002, to come around. He says didn't left the party "facing a moment of self definition."

The same might be said of Rae—as a leader that he is trying to define himself in the eyes of Liberals. Rae's rhetoric is restored and his policy message often comes across as an afterthought. He has a platform, of course,

ing a leader isn't about ideas, he declares, as much as finding "a person you're comfortable with." His hope for a second political life rests on selling himself as a moderate guy who has seen it all and knows better than to make dumb mistakes. He has a model in mind: his late friend Robert Bourassa, who was widely revered when his first run as Quebec premier ended in 1996, but who returned to power in 1998—most as the magnanimous of Quebecers as a thoughtful veteran. "He concentrated on his experience," Rae says, "what he learned while he was away, thinking and writing and travelling." Bourassa managed to make voters rethink their view

of his first government as incompetent, even corrupt. Rae needs to ease concerns of his as a delicate-spoken disaster. He argues that just about everything that went wrong was the result of a gung-ho reaction.

"The big change in my life wasn't going from being a New Democrat to being a Liberal," he says. "The big change was from being in opposition and being in government. It made me think about politics in a different way—the need to get solutions, the need to set priorities. When you're in opposition you can say all sort of things." Which might explain why Rae isn't rejecting all sorts of things to win over Liberals—hoping not being who he has become will prove to be enough. ■

HEARING IT all before Rae takes to General Kennedy at last Sunday's candidates debate

## HE ONCE CALLED THE PARTY SMUG AND COMPLACENT, BUT FEELS 'VERY MUCH A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY' NOW

On the economy, he focuses "lower income taxes, a simpler and clearer tax system, competitive corporate taxes"—positions that might be shared at reuniting those loyal of his NDP past. His call for more emphasis on education, research and green infrastructure are middle of the road Liberal fare. On health, he focuses on a shift for a national catastrophic drug plan. On Afghanistan, his tone is skeptical, but he calls for strengthening NATO's role, rather than a Canadian pullout.

Yet he's remarkably blunt in declaring that all this is really beside the real point. Choose

your first reaction was, "get the hell out of here!" But I tell you why, and this is what I come here to do, I wanted a whole year for this. I want it to give you to see it through." Canadian Forces Sgt. Neil Cantor, while fighting the Taliban, learned from his wife he had home they'd won \$425,000 in a lottery. "With my job, I've depended on staying focused. When you get some downtime, you can sit back and think about what we will do with all the money."



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## WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE

**iran's seeking greater influence, and that has moderate states worried**

■ **MICHAEL PETER** — Late last week, in a Hebrew conference room, delegates from regular seats of the Neo-Aligned Movement met privately to hammer out a "Final Document" that they would present to the world in an effort to determine whether or not, given the circumstances, they represent the developing nations, believers in and strands for, the Jewish, the dissonant get around to the racism war between Israel and Heilsholl, or "British aggression against Lebanon," as it was understood. Most Middle Easterners' critics directly inspired by this conflict are not only one or two negotiators, according to a diplomat who was there. It is especially not news "I couldn't believe it," said an Arab diplomat who was at the summit and who spoke to *Maifur* in an corridor.

anonymity "Lebanon and Syria said very little. But Iraq tried to dominate and control."

What the diplomat was watching was Iran steadily growing much across the Middle East, and even around the world. Iranian proxies are increasingly active in Iraq, Lebanon and, according to the diplomat, in Gaza. Iran is flexing its muscles, and moderate Arab states in the region are getting nervous. "We need to make a choice between standing up to Iran, or giving in and becoming an Iranian proxy," the diplomat said, before adding "Syria has already given up."

A confrontation did erupt in the midst of these negotiating sessions. The proposed final document stated that the Non-Aligned member states "condemned the targeting of civilians wherever it may occur." This was too much for the Israelis, who according to the Arab diplomat we used to create the final four words—"wherever it may occur"—from the statement, thereby leaving open the implication that there are times when it

perfectly acceptable on both cloths.

The Israelis lost that round, and the correct fact-killing children is always wrong remained on the document. However, Iraq must be very pleased with the overall results of the Non-Aligned summit. The conference wrapped up with a chorus of speeches tracking the first

evil States. Member states backed Taiwan's aspirations to achieve nuclear technology, and they condemned President George W. Bush's designation of Iran "axis of evil"—of which Iran is a charter member.

Iran is now employing a double-pronged strategy to protect itself by building alliances and strengthening its global influence. On its home turf in the Middle East, it supports proxy militias, notably the Lebanese-based Shia group Hezbollah, whose prestige is growing because it stood its ground against Israel and was not defeated in the recent war. The

get about the guns and mortars that they lost. They can gain them again," says Saeed Rahmani, a political scientist and Middle East specialist at York University. "What is important is that they are becoming a more important social force."

Herzli's successes against Israel have elevated Iran's influence even among Sunni Muslims, who don't share the same Shia Muslim beliefs as Iran's apostles. Herzli's, a Shia militia, now generates pan Arab support. "A very important aspect of what is happening is the way the Sunni-Shia division as a religious or confessional identity is being managed side in Arab public opinion," says Hugh Roberts, a Cairo based project director of the International Crisis Group. Herzli's

The Arab diplomat who spoke conditionally to Al-Jazeera says he can understand why many Muslims in the Middle East support Hezbollah. Many sympathize with Palestinians living under Israeli occupation, and Hezbollah is willing to oppose Israel with arms. But the diplomat believes that Hezbollah is simply an Iranian puppet, and he fears the state controlling its strings. "What is really worrying is what is behind Hezbollah," he said, dropping his voice to a near whisper.

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leaders of Lebanon and Westbank



per He was speaking in a crowded place full of other diplomats, and he was afraid of being overheard.

The second prong in Iran's global self-defense strategy is to work with like-minded allies through organizations such as the Non-Aligned Movement. "Like-minded" in this case doesn't mean Islamic, or even merely religious. It's enough simply to hate the United States, which is why Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the slight and pious Iranian president, recently found himself awkwardly embracing Hugo Chávez, the

ally socialist president of Venezuela. Ahmadinejad went to Women's Institute last day to cement an alliance with Chavez. The Venezuelan president greeted Ahmadinejad with full military honors and, according to Iran's government press agency, awarded Ahmadinejad a "Libertador" medal. The leaders of the two of such nations signed a series of accords on everything from air products to nuclear exploration, and will found time to do so: "We thank the United States and invite our neighbor," Azhari said. "We condemn the policies that oppose world harmony. The distance between our countries may be a bit far, but our hearts and thoughts are close," Ahmadinejad said. Chavez, who wrapped an arm around Ahmadinejad's shoulders when the latter president stepped off his plane, responded by declaring, "Two revolutions are giving each other a hand."

There was more to Ahmadinejad's virulent rhetoric, economic deals and flattery towards Hugo Chavez across the United States of lying, than Iran's aspirations to obtain nuclear weapons. "It is completely sure that it is absolutely false that the Iranian government is developing an atomic bomb. It's an excuse by the regime, looking for an edge," he said in March. Chavez is now aggressively campaigning for election to the



THE RECENT elections gave the pro-Western coalition a very narrow majority.

# MONTENEGRO'S QUIET REVOLUTION

**The newest Balkan country looks to the EU but Serbs are sulking**

**BY BENJAMIN ARON** • First came independence last May 21, when 55 percent of Montenegro voted to destroy one of the last vestiges of the old Yugoslavia by seceding from Serbia. Then, last weekend, as the first anniversary held in the newly independent nation, the pro-Western coalition that has been ruling Montenegro was at the 40th anniversary in parliament. Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic's government, which hopes to lead the tiny Balkan nation into the Euro zone and NATO, will now be charged with drafting a new national constitution that will ensure marginalization in both votes and civil rights. Montenegro is a country still lost by divisions. Ethnic Serbs, who make up some 32 percent of the 650,000 population, remain unhappy with the seceding of most of the Serb-inhabited regions. In an initial 2002 referendum, a position taken by voters of all ethnic Albanians, police arrested members of an ethnic Albanian group that had threatened

There are dangers, to be sure. And there are others—driving, for example, and smok-

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ing—everyone in Montenegro knows, every where. And a stranger need only spend a few minutes on board a railway bus heading down to the Adriatic Sea along the coast to learn about the country's life as a tour of them all "Montenegrins, all crisy, good hidden!" says a man across the aisle, lighting a cigarette. A Serb,

transparency and services, and privatizing most government-owned assets, including houses and apartments, in this former Communist enclave. The traditional middle class was all but wiped out. Now, in this country where the average income is \$500 a month, a small, flashy and influential nouveau riche elite has emerged, driving shiny new German sedans. There have been others with money to spend: Russian investors, some shadier than others, scooped up valuable seaside properties on the day the market opened up, sending real estate prices skyrocketing.

"Our democracy is still shaky," says Boris Kladovko, vice president of a newly created social-democratic party, the Movement for Change, which won its name in the election. "I've been not careful we'll end up like a banana republic, with the government under the control of a small business oligarchy." Others agree. "The government is run by an oligarchy of former smugglers, friends of

that "the streets are covered with junk, which breed the black market and crime." But we've been fighting those with some success. We've lowered taxes and tariffs, but government revenues are up, and there is more money in the banks. Cheating is not worth the risk anymore."

But the rich and successful are still viewed with suspicion, and Zarko Radulovic, a newly prosperous local businessman, says that's only normal. His company, financed by unnamed Russian investors, just built a 150-room luxury resort on the beach in Budva, joined at European and American tourists ("Serbs couldn't afford it anyway"). "For us, it's easy," Radulovic says. "We've had to live in abroad conditions, where the only sources of revenue were illegal. How can we expect people to trust business, after only three years of national conditions? It will take time."

Few people dream of going back to the old-Communist days, of course. But when the price of houses has more than doubled in a year, and a small, 750-sq.-foot apartment in the old town of Korot now fetches 200,000 euros, there is nostalgia. "There was some good at the time," says Dorotic, stopping a

obviously. It is hard to tell a Montenegrin from a Serb—until they talk politics. They are of the same stock, speak similar languages, and have had a common political history since at least 1818, when Yugoslavia was created. Now the Serbs are talking, although many of them still made the trek this summer from Serbia to Montenegro's beaches. What does my new friend, Radovic, think about the political changes? "No change," he says in halting English. "Oh, my country?" You know he isn't talking about an independent Montenegro, but a larger Serbia. "No change."

This is no peaceful, though. The May referendum went a month, says Stefan Djokovic, a political scientist and former opposition member in the federal parliament in Belgrade, "because it was not an aggressive process. It was not so much about national autonomy as about economic opportunities." Businessmen and investors are eager to join the European Union—they see Serbia as a liability and supported separation. "I was telling everyone to invest in Montenegro before the referendum if they wanted to make money," says Peter Kovacic, a U.S.-trained economist and a key adviser to Djokovic. Market capitalization, he adds, "increased by 35 per cent in the six weeks following separation."

Such economic optimism may be premature, others say. According to Dragana Salomon, a Montenegro journalist who works in Serbia, Montenegro remains "a tiny country that's deeply divided, fragile, insecure and under stress." A few years back, the Djokovic government responded to economic reforms—cutting taxes, slashing bu-

the prime minister, who are now wandering the roads during the civil war," says Andrija Mandic, leader of the conservative Serb People's Party, which fought against separation.

Scavengers? During the 1990s, war and economic sanctions imposed on the government of Slobodan Milosevic had ruined the country. The Serbian dollar collapsed, inflation topped out at more than 300 million per cent, and almost everyone needed a racket to get by—thieving the government. "We've all seen military convoys escorting people who loaded crates of duty-free cigarettes from Switzerland into Italian speed boats," says Nikola Dorotic, a writer who lives in Korot, a picturesque medieval fortress town on the coast. "He is on the shores, large-scale cigarette smuggling was a public secret." Government adviser Istvanek acknowledges



OUR DEMOCRACY IS STILL SHAKY IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, WE'LL END UP LIKE A BANANA REPUBLIC," says one party leader

Nikolic, the local boss (in 1997 it's maker, Tribunic, was bought by taxes, the Milosevic government). "Nobody was rich, but no body was poor, and there was much less pressure. Today, everything is 'world' cars, music, fashion—even pretty girls. And it seems that only gangsters and foreigners can afford them."

#### TENNIS: CHEEKY SUPERHERO SAVES CITY HALL

The mayor of Gaffney, Tenn., is in hell wither after allowing City Hall to be used by Tennessee's cheating tennis div. The mayor's criticism of the cheating was offensive and the use of City Hall inappropriate. But Don Wright says, "They told me it was a film about a superhero woman and there was no reality at all and it was a film about a superhero who patrols the skies over Nashville."



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# A CRUSADE OF HIS OWN

**He's put Canada and Spain on notice, and now radical Islam is in his sights. Yes, politics is back in Benedict's Vatican.** BY BRIAN KETNER

Truth, far and wide, is the first casualty of war, in a religious fire, or the prime victim victim to the contest. In a talk he gave on Sept. 12, Pope Benedict XVI, leader of a church that once embraced the sword with outright enthusiasm, briefly sidestepped Islam for the same risk, quoting a medieval Christian who denounced the Prophet Muhammad's teachings as "evil and inhuman" in favoring forcible conversions. Not to be confused as the institutional ivory department, Vatican Aachen—who as foreign ministry spokeswoman for Palencia, a country under intense criticism for its friendly relations with the Taliban, was probably glad of the distraction—responded that "anyone who describes Islam as a religion of violence encourages violence." A British official warned Benedict to Hitler and Mussolini, while an Anglican vicar (of all people), in an argument as difficult to follow as Benedict's, chastised the Pope for being "a whiff of Christian triumphalism" in his remarks by directly citing a Chinese emperor in what is now Muslim Istanbul.

In the cartoonish manner of last winter's cartoon crisis, half-hearted apologies have since been issued—and rejected. (Benedict, 79, may dispute contemporary moral relativism, but that didn't stop him from seeing a thoroughly modern "I'm sorry if anyone was distressed by my comments" statement of contrition.) Polemics of all stripes have weighed in, including the theologians of al Qaeda, absurdly implying that their controversial religious tradition have always had clean hands—at least in comparison to other guys. And the war of words has been matched by protests and violence in the Islamic world, though less than over the Danish cartoon. Benedict learned to clog,

seven churches smacked in Gaza and the West Bank, and an Italian man shot dead in Somalia—as an act for which some have yet taken responsibility. Meanwhile, the background to Benedict's remarks—what he meant to say about what he considers one of the burning issues of the day, and why he may have said it as he did—seems almost lost in the uproar.

The lecture was delivered by the former Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger during a visit to his home country of Germany at the University of Regensburg, where he was once a professor of theology. "It was a typical Benedict speech, oscillating between serene and serene ambivalence," notes Vatican watcher Michael Higgins, professor of St. Thomas University in Frederick, "one that looked at the state of the Christian world—which to Benedict means Europe—and offered a diagnosis."

It turned out to be a diagnosis no less fiery than the one he had offered a group of visiting Eastern bishops four days before. "In the name of tolerance," he told the Canadians, "your country has had to endure the folly of the deification of space, and in the name of 'freedom of choice' it is confronted with the daily destruction of unborn children." Same-sex marriage and abortion were not Benedict's only concerns. The Pope also issued a stern call to duty for "Christian civic leaders." They must cease "yielding to ephemeral social trends and the spurious demands of opinion polls. Democracy stands only to the extent that it is based on truth and a common understanding of its human person," he continued. "Catholic involvement in politics calls for compromise on this principle."



Nor is Canada the only country that Benedict has put on notice during his 18-month-long pontificate. Last July, during a brief visit to Spain—the fourth country since the Netherlands, Belgium and Canada (all with large Catholic populations) to have legitimate gay marriage—the now Pope said much the same to that country's bishops. And backed it up by preaching to large cheering crowds that "the family, based on the indissoluble marriage of a man, and a woman," is the only proper basis for a society.

But at Regensburg he had bigger issues than sexual morality on his mind. Benedict's European focus is certainly not a coincidence. He is the first western European pontiff in a generation, and no accident to St. Peter could hide what he sees in the former heartland of Christendom—a generally post-religious society where Islam, the ancient rival, is the fastest-growing faith. This address concentrated on what is known in Catholic circles as *de-Hellenization*, the perceived removal of reason and philosophy from religion, leaving an emotional core of irrationalism, even more visceral belief. For the Vatican's sake, Pope, who is far less focused on the Third World, for instance, than his predecessor John Paul II, it was in Europe that "Christianity, despite its origins and some significant developments in the East"—by this Benedict can only have meant the emergence of the Bible and Jesus Christ himself in Jerusalem—"finds its home."

And who would be so un-Christian (and un-European) to overstep reason and faith? Protestants, for one, who were the main targets of criticism in the speech. The Reformation drive to return to the literal word of Scripture, breaking all the medieval Catholic Greek-derived mysticisms, empowered that brand of Christianity by divorcing reason and faith. And also modern secularism, who sees faith as subjective, relative and an-

swerthy of a place in the universe or public discourse. The tragic result, according to the Pope, is that by divorcing religion on the great questions of life, death and meaning, "it is *un-Islamic*" who ends up being reduced" by the exclusive faith of Islam.

Meaning, in Catholic theology, is eternal, unchanging truth. That, in the position of traditional Western dogma, appears on other fronts—scientific secularism and fundamentalist Protestantism—Benedict at its opened a stark, Islamic threat in the reason wars. To make his basic point about the immortality of soaring nature to religious belief, the Pope quoted from a 1391 conversation between a Persian Muslim scholar and Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Palaeologus, ruler of the only eastern Christian nation that within decades would be extinguished forever by Islamic Turkey. As one point in their conversation, Benedict recalled, Palaeologus turned to the Persian and said "somewhat laconically"—the Pope's sole concession to the harsh words that followed—"Show me just what Muslims brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached." The emperor, Benedict explained, as a "Dignitary [Christian] shaped by Greek philosophy," knew that force and violence were incompatible, that God alone, Islamic theology, the Pope went on to emphasize, finds its place in the universe as God's transcendence and a speech that he is not bound by reason and man's desired answers and man's beliefs.

Why would the current occupant of the Vatican, the original home of make-no-waves diplomacy, make such a statement in a time of heightened cultural and religious tension? For supporters, like Quebec's *Marie-Claude Ouellet*, Benedict's reasonable concerns have been blown out of proportion by Islamic groups with an axe in publicizing their war. "For Higgins, however, there was nothing innocuous about the pope's words, and the only possible answer to why he said them is gross stupidity." The Pope goofed big time. "Normally a papal speech is vetted by high officials," says Higgins, who stresses the complete lack of diplomatic experience possessed by Jacques Cardinal Bertram, Benedict's friend and new secretary of state, responsible for the Vatican's foreign relations. "I have to believe that if an experienced cardinal had seen this address, the reflective would never have gone through." Even Benedict himself may not have noticed. Higgins generously allows, that as Pope he no longer goes to make any thoughtful speeches, at least not without vetting media advisors.

But forget the political mistakes for many rightist onlookers, it was a moral center as well.

DISPROPORTION in Pakistan (below left), destroyed church in the West Bank.



BUNGALOW FROM TOP: EN-ALO HOSSEIN/ATTAU; ALEXANDER KROG/AGF/REUTERS; MOSHAY PAK/REUTERS



one that transgresses even a child's grasp of basic Christian ethics. "And why beholdest thou the meat that is in the brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (Matthew 7:3) is one of the most familiar sayings of Jesus in all of the New Testament. Benedict could have broadened the scope of applying the futility by the word, says Higgins, by denouncing past violence in his own tradition. "Perhaps by mentioning the congregations of the Christian mission of Constantinople in 1520 that left it to be weakened before its Muslim conquerors, why not start there, with a discreet expression of papal humility, and then, if necessary, go on to the other fellow's sins?"

But others aren't so sure about the simple mistake explanation. For many observers—pro and con—Benedict is simply too much

man, Turkey, keeps concern about Islamic violence alive. In the midst of the current crisis, a 16-year-old Turkish girl, Saniye, while addressing "Allah akbar" ("God is great") the lack of reciprocal freedom of worship between the two faiths during the Shoah. The Saudi royal family contributed US\$10 million to build Europe's largest mosque in Rome, Allen notes, but Christians cannot build churches in Saudi Arabia. Recently, one of Benedict's closest advisers, Bishop Rino Fisichella, de-



**Benedict has 'form' on the hawkish front. Before he was named Pope, he spoke out against Muslim Turkey joining the EU.**

clared it was time to "bring the diplomatic shield" about anti-Christian persecution. Benedict may well have done just that in advance of his scheduled November visit to Turkey, now itself endangered by the controversy.

As for his political message to this country, Canada's appearance was quick to echo the idea that Catholic politicians must fall in line with Catholic teaching. That's a potentially explosive demand when Parliament is expected to consider that the same can mean gay question, a concept Benedict clearly considers a wrong almost as grave as abor-

tion. Speaking in Edmonton last week, Cardinal Orszag said faith cannot be cast aside in the decision-making process. "I think it is important to remind our politicians that the Constitution of Canada in its preamble says Canada is founded on values that respect the supremacy of God and of the law." The country, therefore, not only deserves legislation that protects marriage in "an institution of the Creator," said the cardinal, but also lives their "own most respectful human life from beginning to end."

Fred Henry, the outspoken bishop of Calgary, and God's teachings demand that the Church take a political stand. "The Gospel has public implications, because defending the inviolable dignity and integrity of each built into human beings by their Creator is a public matter," he wrote in an open letter



**GOD KNOWS:** Calgary's Bishop Henry says the Church should take a political stand

in the faithful recently. A year of same-sex union had made him "adverse" effect on society as a whole, said Henry, citing gay adoption, changes to school curricula, and requirements that "the homosexual lifestyle must now be treated as wholesome and legitimate, when in reality, it is an unwholesome and immoral."

But, like everyone else, Benedict and the other bishops had best be careful of what they wish for. Several Catholic MPs who voted for gay marriage did so not in the teeth of their faith but passively because their religion pushed them to that decision. "It was said that I voted for same-sex marriage in spite of my faith," says Tony Martin, 58, the NDP member for Smith Sea. Marie, 60, "let faith be what we loved out of my faith." Martin was well aware of his church's position: he had been strenuously inhibited and harassed by those opposed to the legislation, while sympathetic parliamentarians worried about his place in the Church. In the end, he turned to the themes of the Second Vatican Council, whose own canon serves as a beacon to him and many Catholics of his generation. "It was all about tolerance, openness to the world and social justice," he says.

"Those were the principles that guided me."

Fellow NDPer Charlie Angus (Timmins-James Bay) admits he was confused—"I'm conservative in my view of what marriage is"—but cut his moral loss to his days as a Catholic school teacher, when he and fellow board members defended minority rights as a matter of Church teaching. "To be the champion of minority rights," he says, "opens the door for other protected rights to be taken." So Angus (NDP, Windsor-Tecumseh) admits his position is the very underpinnings of Christian tradition. "You ask yourself that age-old question, what would Christ do?" he says. "What my faith had taught me was how far humanity was an absolute fundamental, in many respects overriding all other considerations." In short, it was hard for Benedict to imagine Jesus frowning on same-sex couples prepared to commit to each other for a lifetime. So like Angus and Martin, he voted yes.

All three say they are at peace with their decision. But since that decision were two years ago, each has suffered the pains of religious pressure. In the end, each member navigated the moral and political minefield in his own way. Martin quietly and voluntarily quit doing readings at his church for fear of stirring anger in an otherwise peaceful parish. "I never learned there was a group from the Knights of Columbus who were prepared to walk out if I got up to read," he says. "I didn't want to be the cause of any division." Orszag, on the other hand, says, "I was told by the local bishop, Cardinal, was told he and his wife could no longer teach church wedding the sacrament, which they'd been doing for years. Angus, meanwhile, was outraged demand the sacrament, but his family (have) taken it to this day. "That put me in a difficult situation," he says, "but I just thought, well, you have to stand where you're going to stand." The whole experience left Angus questioning his faith. "But I will consider myself a Catholic," he adds, concluding, "I really have nowhere else to go."

The inevitable scenes are starting to lose in an era of escalating religious tensions. Everywhere, variations are clashing lines in the need to define themselves against others, as Benedict did with Islam. And everywhere, individuals are struggling to stop or keep a home. The Pope, on behalf of his Church, is asserting religious rights to be involved in public affairs in the same way he is trying to resist the liberty of those who wish to remain both Catholic and politician, resistant to Church, conscience and democratic state. Public life in this society would be diminished by his defeat in the first contest or by his victory in the second. ■

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**THE REAL POINT:** The Pope addressed was that faith and reason need each other

## AN OBLIGATION TO THE TRUTH

**As Christian preacher, the Pope's duty is to say what many would otherwise ignore**

BY FATHER RAYMOND J. DE ROZSA

The assumption is that Pope Benedict XVI made a mistake.

In the world of politics or business, remarks that are off a line of criticism are considered to be a gift, quickly to be withdrawn and hopefully forgotten—even if, respectively, if they are true.

The Pope takes a rather different view. There are issues he wishes to raise that may would otherwise ignore, and one of them is the status of violence in Islamic theology. His hesitating silence was aimed at speaking some difficult truths, in the conviction that speaking the truth is the first obligation of the Christian preacher.

What he said, and how he said it, was no accident. Those who have followed Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger's long public career know that the man expresses himself with great clarity and precision. He denounces the off-the-wall in his mind and fourth language. In an article in *l'Espresso*, a liberal secular Italian weekly, he said that the Islamic world would be severely weakened if the original transcripts of the last will and testament of the Pope intended to refine the text with ac-

curate footnotes and subsequently published a more complete version. Behindhand, senior Vatican officials were telling the lecture as a "deliberate" address of his other pastoral program. So this was no mistake. Benedict said what he wanted to say in the way he wanted to say it.

No doubt he was not alone in the heated reaction in the Muslim world, and he subsequently apologized for the reaction to his speech. That was a reasonable and much to be expected by any pastor concerned, Benedict is not too proud to refuse an apology when talented families are bombing Christian churches. He did not withdraw the main point, of course, because the fishermen and the rest were missing, in their own way, the very questions he was asking about faith and reason, violence and religion.

The main point of the Ratzinger address was that faith and reason need each other as paths to truth. Benedict defended that as an essential part of Christianity that became the God who reveals himself (faith) is also the author of the natural order and the human capacity to understand it (reason). The Pope brought that to the fore of the Gospel begins, "In the beginning was the word (logos)," and logic is the Greek word for reason. God is reasonable, and so is our capacity to reason it so as to come to God.

Benedict said if Islam continues to God in the same way. Does Islam have an equivalent to the divine logos? Benedict raised the ques-



tion of whether the Islamic conception of God is strictly transcendence, beyond all human categories, means that God is beyond reason itself. The suggestion is not that God is crazy or insane, but rather that he is not bound by a reason accessible to human beings.

Faith without reason gives rise to fundamentalism. Reason without faith produces a secularism that cannot address the most fundamental of human questions about origin, destiny and meaning. The bulk of Benedict's address was directed against the latter phenomenon, criticizing a modern secularism that has nothing to say to people of faith, and nothing to say about the foundations of

faith to the Ottomans and the great Hagia Sophia would become a mosque. At the time, Manuel II was an emperor under siege from Muslim armies—not only Muslim armies, as he was threatened at times by Christians too,

He then quotes Manuel II on the key point: "God is not pleased by blood, and not acting reasonably is contrary to God's nature. Faith is born of the soul, not the body. Whoever would lead someone to faith needs the ability to speak well and to reason properly, with our violence and threats... To do violence to a reasonable soul, one does not need strong arms, or weapons of any kind, or any other means of threatening a person with death."

What is the point Benedict wants to make in relation to Islam, because, daily, Christians are faced with the consequences of its apostasy. And as relation to the supposed damage to Christian-Muslim relations, one



MUSLIMS are the first victims of Islamic violence, but Christians regularly face it

human culture. In criticizing the neglect of reason in favour of faith alone, Benedict introduced a major figure in the history of Christian philosophy (John Duns Scotus), who he considered to have made this mistake.

So why, if that was Benedict's main point, get into Islam at all? Why the necessary quotation from Byzantine Emperor Manuel II? Philologist as the evil of Islam, spreading faith by the sword?

One of the potential consequences of a faith only fundamentalism is violence. Violence—force—which by its nature does not seek to persuade—can grow out of a zeal to convert without recourse to reason. It is simply a fact that Islamic violence is a growing problem around the world. Muslims themselves are the first victims of it, but Christians in Islamic countries regularly face harassment and persecution. Benedict wants to clarify that the roots of this violence lie in a perversion of Islam, not its authentic theology. That's a task only Muslims can accomplish, but the Pope has a pulpit sufficient to draw attention to the issue.

Benedict likely chose the dialogue between Manuel II and his Persian interlocutor because it deals directly with that question in a historically significant setting. Manuel II was one of the last Byzantine emperors, some 60 years after this dialogue, Constantinople would

## Rioters were raising, in their own way, the very questions the Pope was asking about faith, reason, violence and religion

but nevertheless with a concrete experience of the sword of Islam

"The emperor goes on to explain in detail the reasons why spreading the faith through violence is something unreasonable," said Benedict, in the key passage that inevitably followed the words that got all the attention. "Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul."

story in the professional dialogue, Benedict likely judges that Christian-Muslim relations are already in a dire state when Christians are persecuted throughout the Islamic world.

In November, Benedict will travel to Turkey, and he has now set the stage for an explicit encounter with Islam. Last Feb. 5, in the words of the Danish orthodox cleric, Italian missionary Father Andrea Santoro who spent twice while praying in Istanbul, Turkey, by a 16-year-old Turk shouting "Allah akbar." Benedict now has entered that shouting, and no doubt there are some who would like to pump a few bullets into him. It's probably because of this, not to pretend that, that Benedict told what he did. Authentic dialogue has to begin with difficult questions asked, and difficult truths spoken. The speech at the gathering was not a miracle. The aftermath was a great cheering moment. W

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# A RIGHT TO KNOW

Universities are legally obliged to open their records, experts say

**BY CATHY GILL** • This week, 32 universities across Canada each received rare pieces of mail from Markham. Using provincial freedom of information laws, the magazine scoured them with cynical information requests to get basic data the schools have refused to provide for our annual university rankings issue. For the first time since the mid-1990s, some schools are answering they won't share with the media or the public such information as the average entering grade of their first-year students. Nor will they make known retention rates, a measure of how many students stay a second year. They have also refused to disclose the number of out-of-province and international students in their first year, the number of international graduate students, and the percentage of professors with Ph.Ds.

The controversial boycott, which began with 15 schools in mid-August and has since swelled to include 14 of Ontario's 17 ranked universities, three Alberta schools, and two each in British Columbia and Manitoba, has many elements baffled. "Universities should not have unchecked discretion to decide what information should go into the public domain," says Alexander Roberts, a Canadian specialist on access to information, now a professor at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in New York state. Advocates for disclosure are puzzled that public institutions such as universities—which are covered by freedom of information acts in most provinces—would deny requests for data they already collect. "If a university has that information available internally, they ought to make it publicly accessible," continues Roberts. "I can't see a cost-benefit argument against the disclosure of that kind of information."

In fact, universities do collect such information annually for their own records and comparisons. And until now, Markham has gathered most of that data directly from the 40 universities included in the rankings issue, published every autumn since 1999. This year, dissenting schools have announced they won't participate, citing a letter to Markham



BOYCOTT 32 schools refuse to cooperate with Markham's

a mailing methodology they describe as "oversimplified and arbitrary." Essentially, they don't like what Markham's does with the data.

Markham disagrees with that assessment of its rankings. But more to the point, the universities' concerns do not constitute a legitimate reason to withhold data, say some

writing director for a U.S. information commissioner. "I'm not sure that can face a particular exception that would work for [the universities]."

Wagdy Wood, spokesperson for the Alberta information commissioner, says, "Freedom of information is a just good, solid banner for a public body." According to Bob Spencer, communications coordinator for Ontario's information commissioner, "Anyone requesting substantial government record finding should have more of their records, particularly spending records, open to the public." Ironically, although Ontario has had a freedom of information act for almost two decades, universities only came under the law in June. "It's something we've

pushed for for years," says Spencer.

Ontario universities, which constitute one-third of the ranked schools, may also be put under the microscope by the provincial government, which will fork out \$6.2 billion to those who sign on to its "Raising Higher" accountability initiative, still being rolled

## UNIVERSITIES MUST HAVE UNCHECKED DISCRETION OVER WHAT INFORMATION GOES PUBLIC

out. "That means accountability to students and taxpayers," says Steve Johnson of the education ministry. "That would imply transparency." Most importantly though, says Roberts, schools must disclose information to the public so that students can make clear assessments about the performance of each institution. Universities, says Trivette, are encouraged to routinely release data. And if they still refuse? "I think the easiest way to characterize it is short-sighted," he says. "Modern, public institutions need to continue to be transparent, both in the decisions they make and the outcomes of their activities."

provincial information commissioners (though they declined commenting specifically on this case so it could come before them in the future). The end use of information is largely irrelevant to its release, they say. "It shouldn't matter if it's the press asking [for the data] or the person next door," says Gail Perry, research manager for the Manitoba ombudsman's office. Freedom of information acts do generally contain exceptions that allow a public institution to decline to disclose if, for example, doing so would reveal personal information about someone, or cause the institution economic damage. In this case, though, says Bill Pratt,

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### LESSON IN SPORTSMANSHIP IS OFF BASE

Mark Downs, a Pennsylvania teacher, is an idol for, among other things, convincing a minor league pitcher allegedly offered \$400,000 to sign a \$5,000 to join a little league team member with a ball so hard he couldn't play in a "small" ball game. Keith hit the ball in the groin. His mother didn't see the play and ordered her wedding cake back on the field. Downs allegedly encouraged Keith to take another throw, purportedly telling him, "Try hitting him harder."

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# WHEN NIXON WENT TO CHINA

**EXCLUSIVE EXCERPT:**  
**Margaret MacMillan**  
**writes about the week**  
**that changed the world**

On a cold February morning more than three decades ago, Richard Nixon entered Mao Tse-tang's study in Beijing. The conversation that followed was slow and stilted because it was through interpreters. It was an overnight aspect of two people who were strangers but who had heard a lot about each other. They said how pleased they were to meet and exchanged polite compliments. They talked about mutual acquaintances and briefly about their mutual foe, the Soviet Union. They made some jokes, mainly at the expense of Nixon's companion Henry Kissinger, but they were generally serious. After an hour, and a last exchange of pleasantries, Nixon took his leave. Neither man had said anything that surprised the other, and they had not come to any momentous conclusions. Yet their conversation was one of the most important encounters in the recent past.

President Richard Nixon and Chairman Mao Tse-tung were well aware that they were making history that day. Both understood that their meeting and, indeed, Nixon's whole visit to China, were important above all else for their symbolism. It was, after all, the first-ever visit of an American president to China, an end to the long standoff during which neither country had recognized the other. It was an earthquake in the Cold War landscape and meant that the Eastern Bloc no longer stood apart against the West. The visit shook Americans as well as those in Japan and Taiwan; it infuriated China's few friends in the world, and it worried the Soviet Union. We have been debating exactly what it really meant ever since.

As Nixon prepared to leave Shanghai at the end of his momentous trip, he made a note: "We have been here a week. This was the week that changed the world." Typical banalities, one might say. Does it really matter now that Nixon and Mao chatted among the autumn acorns and gnomes of Mao's study? That the Cold War, itself now van-

ished, saw a reshaping of forces? Or that the United States and China finally began to trade with each other and exchange visitors?

Of course it matters. We worry, as we must, about economics, about the potential for conflict between the values of liberal democracy and religious fundamentalism. We look at the instability in the Middle East with concern. We must not, however, forget Asia. With its vast population, its wealth and its extraordinary rate of economic growth, it promises to be the center of the future. Already the edge in technology and the lead in development and power are shifting eastward. Asia will be at the center of the world again. Yet there will be no peace for Asia or for the world unless those two great Pacific



CHOU, NIXON and Shanghai Party leader Cheng Chao-chiao at the farewell banquet

powers, the U.S. and China, the east superpower and the other perhaps tomorrow, find ways to work with each other. To understand their relationship we need to go back to 1972, to the moment when it started anew.

ON FEB. 21, to the south of the Drayton, in the Zhongnanhai compound where the top Communist leadership lived, the most powerful man in China sat propped up on a sofa, in a new suit and shoes made especially for the occasion, waiting anxiously for news of Nixon's arrival. Although the Amer-



NIXON'S VISIT breached the Cold War wall between Communist China and the U.S.

ican longer find his pulse. Mao continued to refuse all treatment. Suddenly on Feb. 1, with three weeks to go before Nixon arrived, he asked Li Zhen, his long suffering personal doctor, whether he could make him better.

The Zhongnanhai clinic was equipped at its emergency equipment. The United States government made an unswerving contribution as well, supplying tools and a respirator which had been sent on about a case Nixon fell ill to move into Mao's bedroom. He and his son-in-law worked round the clock to get the Chairman well enough to receive Nixon. They managed to get his heartbeats under control and started him on diuretics. By the third week of February, Mao could get out of bed and walk a few steps. He was still bald—the new suit and shoes weren't free central—and had trouble getting his words out, but he was well enough to show to the Americans. The emergency medical regiment, including that from the United States, was hidden in a quiet hospital chest or behind patterned glass, and Mao's hospital bed was twice empty.

On the day of Mao's arrival, Mao was "as excited" in that over-the-hill "seniorhood" he had ordered Premier Chou En-lai to bring Nixon around at once. Chou urged that Nixon be taken to his villa first. Mao reluctantly agreed. By 2:30 he could no longer wait and called

Chou again at the Zhongnanhai. Chou went immediately to call on Kissinger to tell him that Mao wanted to see the President and "liberty soon." Like those other great decisions, Kissinger and Harker, Mao was used to making one on his own terms. His colleagues had long since grown accustomed to understanding things in the middle of the night. Mao was also a master at keeping his friends and enemies off balance.

No one had been given notice of Chinese rules before then. To Winston Lord (a junior State Department official along in the trip as Kissinger's secretary), this was "a typical example of the Chinese style, where the Emperor used to keep visitors on edge, and the schedule was never fixed until the last minute." The purpose, he thought, was "partly to make us feel grateful when the actual meeting took place and that it did take place."

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Chou said that Mao was "as excited" in that over-the-hill "seniorhood" he had ordered Premier Chou En-lai to bring Nixon around at once. Chou urged that Nixon be taken to his villa first. Mao reluctantly agreed. By 2:30 he could no longer wait and called

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for the banquet scheduled for that evening. In fact, the news was intensely exciting and a relief to both Kissinger himself and Nixon. Lord recalled their emotion: "It was going to send a clear signal to the world and to the Chinese people that Mao personally was behind this visit and the historic importance of the event. So this was obviously very good news, even if it was a somewhat unexpected way to proceed with the heads of the Free World." American conservatives, many of whom were already unhappy about the trip, would have been incensed if the Chinese had appeared to insult their President—and they would have blamed Nixon for putting himself in such a position.

Kissinger dared optimism to get Nixon and the two men joined in a Chinese farmhouse along with Chou, Lord and a Secret Service agent, leaving contemplation in their wake. This apart, now between following his orders not to tell anyone where he was going and his responsibility to protect the President, managed to alert Dwight Chapin, the man responsible for Nixon's schedule, on the way out. Chapin contacted Haldeman, who in turn called a Ron Ziegler, the press secretary, and the three men spent what Haldeman described as "a very long hour and a half trying to figure out what the various contingencies were." There was a moment of panic when the agent's radio went dead. (It turned out that the tap on Mao's house briefly blocked communications.) The confusion averted, Haldeman ordered, "all the old ways of communications you have when you're visiting in a Chinese guest house with Red Army troops guarding you outside and you kind of wonder if the P's taken off alone with no staff, no security, except one agent, no decoys, etc."

Haldeman, as always, also worried about press coverage. No one knew when Nixon would be back, and in the meantime a plebiscite nation between the Americans and the

**MAO WAS A GENIAL HOST: 'I VOTED FOR YOU DURING YOUR ELECTION,' HE TOLD NIXON. 'I LIKE ELECTIONS.'**



CHOU AND his Nixon. On Feb. 21, Kissinger and Chou En-lai to fulfill the president's go for a drink



Chinese had been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The American press corps was already being assembled at the Great Hall of the People in preparation and the newsmen were planning for live coverage. (Walter Hildemann and Ziegler postponed the start of the plenary, there was eager speculation among the journalists but still dismissed the outlandish rumor that Nixon was meeting Mao.)

The exit briefing Nixon received his memorandum written in pencil on the gate of the walled Zhongnanhai, entered after the two men made lakes, the Great and the South Sea, which separated it from the Forbidden City. Just as the old imperial complex had been "forbidden" off limits to anyone except the imperial family, their court and their servants, so too was the Zhongnanhai. Very few foreigners and few ordinary Chinese had ever been allowed past its ubiquitous special guards. It was impossible even to peer into an entrance grounds, where the top Party leadership lived in three villas. From all over China, provincial suppliers for its status state.

Mao's food was treated with particular care, even first in a laboratory in Beijing, which the doctor in fresh and tested for poison.

Special food tasters then did another check.

Nixon's car was waved through the red walls and drove for a mile past walled houses, past the lakes and past groves of trees. Mao's house stood alone, "simple and unimposing," in Hsinsheng's words. "It could have belonged to a minor functionary." The Nixon party walked into a hallway which contained a Ping-Pong table. Mao's doctor stood behind them outside the Chairman's study, then waved automatically outside the open door in case his patient collapsed again. Only Chinese photographers were on hand to record the scene as Nixon and Mao met for the first time. Mao shuffled towards Nixon, supported by one of his corps of pretty, young assistants. He took the President's hand in his own and shook it warmly for a long time. The photographers made sure that they caught that hand-shake, too.

Another photograph shows the party seated at long tables with Mao's books around them and, on the floor, white porcelain spittoons, standard furnishings in many Chinese offices on that day. Chou and Kissinger sat next to each other on the edges of a semicircle, overlooked now by their masters. To keep the discussions from leaking to the press or to the rest of the United States government, the only interpreter was the Chinese one, Brando Chou as the photograph is a denigrating young woman, Tang Weishang. Mao's interpreter, who was able to make sense of the stilted speech and heavy Hsinsheng accent. She was also an



#### STAFF WORRIED THAT NIXON AND MAO WERE 'OFF ALONE WITH NO SECURITY, EXCEPT ONE AGENT'

influential player in the dance to gain his ear. The Americans knew her better as Nancy, the name she had acquired when she lived in Brooklyn as a child. In the middle, a beaming Mao sat back, looking supremely comfortable. On his left, Nixon leaned forward with an intent expression.

The conversation, which was originally meant to last for 15 minutes, was pushed for just over an hour. The time was unbreakable and, at times, painful. Mao spoke with difficulty; his words came out in harsh bursts. The Americans assumed that he must have had a stroke. Passing through, Mao tried Nixon's hand again and held it for almost a minute. Nixon was delighted. "The most moving moment," he told his diary. The President started by praising Mao's impressive learning: "You read a great deal." He expressed his admiration for Mao's courage and for his poetry. "Those writings of mine aren't anything," Mao said. "There is nothing as much as what I have." (Six millions of copies of Mao's collected works, and even more millions of the Little Red Book which contained his aphorisms, had been printed during the Cultural Revolution.) Nixon admitted: "The Chairman's writings moved a nation and have changed a world." Mao answered: "I've only been able to change a few places in the vicinity of Beijing." That wasn't, Kissinger thought, was "too much to ask for." Old Mao for the first time was slipping back into his old habit of ironic ways. "The aging Chairman ruled



NIXON AND MAO (left). The President and First Lady with schoolchildren in Beijing.

against a fate that so cruelly evoked the suffering and meaning of a lifetime of struggle."

Of Nixon's own writings, the Chairman said generously, "Your book, *The Six Years*, is not a bad book." And of Nixon himself he remarked, "I would say you during your election," and added, "I like rights." Nixon, who had prepared carefully for this moment, did his best to talk about the relations between their two countries and about the international scene, but Mao would hear of "those questions are not questions to be discussed any place. They should be discussed with the President. I discuss philosophical questions." When Nixon tried to bring the conversation around to the specific issues of facing the United States and China back to

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Taiwan, Vietnam and Korea, Mao was dismissive: "All these troublesome issues I don't want to get into very much." On Taiwan, he would only say that Chiang Kai-shek, "our common old friend," did not approve of his meeting with Nixon. Mao also brought up a popular Chinese theme, that China was never an aggressor. "You want," he said pointedly to Nixon, "to withdraw some of your troops back on your soil, even do not so abroad."

Both men had been with Kissinger. "What about asking him to be the main speaker today?" asked Mian. The doctor of philosophy ("a doctor of humans," misquoted Nixon) should be ready to discuss the philosophical questions. "We two must not monopolize the show. It won't do if we don't let Dr. Kissinger

more unequally expressed. "It is all right to talk well and also all right if there are no agreements, because what are we there if we stand in deadlock? Why is it that we must be able to reach results?" People might say they had failed, but if they succeeded in getting agreements on a second attempt, what then?

As they parted, Mao told Nixon that he was not very well. Nixon reassured him that he looked good and Mao replied that appearance could be deceiving. A Chinese customs value had been filming the meeting had been worried about Mao's unhealthy jailor at the outset but was delighted to note that, as the conversation went on, his face glowed to give the appearance of good health. With a last round of handshakes and

The Americans were equally, if not more, pleased. "The P called me up," Halpern wrote in his diary. "Obviously, he was very impressed with the whole thing, but didn't get into any details at that time." The Americans were deeply impressed with Mao. In his memoirs Mao talks about his "wonderful" second

of humour – and how his mind was racing “like lightning.” Mao was a man, Nixon told White House staff on his return, “who was strategic concepts with great vision.” Khrushchev was even more effusive: Mao was a colonel among men. “I have met no one, with the possible exception of Charles de Gaulle, who so drilled me, concentrated my power.” Although the Americans were at first a little disconcerted with the usual conservatism



have a say? "It's not been far from close your trips to China?" When Kissinger replied that he was only doing as the President wished, Nasse got a laugh from Mao and Chou by describing him as a "very nice assistant." Kissinger, he added, was the only man who could make secret trips to Peking and Beijing without any one finding out beyond a couple of pretty girls. When Kissinger replied that he had used the girls as a cover, Mao was intrigued. "So your girls are often made use of?"

photographs, the Americans took their leave. The historic conversation had been a curiously incoherent one, with Nixon trying to lay the groundwork for future collusion. Mao mumbled about

Oste Nita had gone. Mao charged out of his room into his dressing gown and shut the door happily with his decision, who checked his pulse to find it steady and strong. Mao approved of illness. "He speaks forthrightly—no beating around the bush, no telling the left arm, who say one thing and mean another." He liked the way Nixon talked frankly about the benefits in the U.S. of an improved relationship with China. And, in a reference to his estranged Communist ally, the Soviet Union, he said, "He is much better than those people who talk about high moral principles while engaging in meaner intrigues." He was never so impressed by a foreigner. "Just a lousy little man. He is absolutely all over with nervous energy once he comes to see me."

at first time by which it began to take on synthetic proportions and even the *great outdoors*, the place of Nino's observations seemed to have a certain meaning. For Kisselgoss, Man's very first interiors were like the composer Richard Wagner's use of music in his operas which he intended to develop later on. Or like the heart of China itself. "Later on, it comprehended better the many-layered design of Man's conversion. Understood that it was like the courtyard in the Forbidden City, just leading to a deeper recess distinguished from the others only by slight changes of perspective, with all their meaning reaching in a sort of way that only long reflection could grasp." Man, he told a biographer, was a visionary and Nino a pragmatist, but these differences had faded into insignificance.

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CHINA: SOCCER BEFORE THE LEAGUE EXPANSION

Last week, six teams gathered in the Chinese province of Shandong for a cup tournament. The ancient sport was introduced 2,500 years ago and is considered the oldest ancestor of today's soccer. Players try to score by juggling the ball with their legs or sending it through an elevated gate. Cultured from Chinese Egypt and beyond. Today, the international soccer authority FIFA cites the game's role as the forerunner to today's game.



# Happiness is a vaulted ceiling

A new book from Alain de Botton explains how architecture and design can improve our lives

BY SHARON GEORGE • Earlier this year, the British journalist Peter York wrote *Dear Mr. Style*, a coffee-table book in which he explored the appealing home decor choices of the world's present greats. Deposed Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein, for example, had chosen a palette for some geographic and ethno-themed paintings, while Joseph Blatter, the former Confederation Cup of soccer, and modestly a different sort of design. Until his study with plastic flowers and a collection of taxonomic wildlife. In case there was any doubt, De Botton's is a testament to the fact that the objects we surround ourselves with tell a whole lot about the kind of people we are.

The *Architecture of Happiness* by Alain de Botton—a U.K. philosopher and author of popular lifestyle guides including *Status Anxiety* and *How Power Can Change Your Life*—is an exploration of this fact. His latest book is a sort of apology, and a plea for people to give more consideration to the aesthetics of their surroundings. He reminds that beautiful buildings don't save lives or feed children or clothe the poor. Still, good design is far more consequential than we currently give it credit for in affecting our moods and shapes our perspective in all sorts of subtle ways. "Using architecture and décor around us," he writes, "gives us something that we are unconsciously vulnerable to the colour of our wallpaper" (for a visual illustration of this theory, refer to "The Yellow Wallpaper," a short story by the 19th-century writer Charlotte Perkins Gilman, in which the "rapid, almost revolting" change of the protagonist's bedroom wallpaper starts her descent into madness).

The fact that an individual may love one style of architecture or design, and detest another, is not just an accident of personal taste. Rather, writes de Botton, people infer all sorts of meaning from their surroundings and prefer to be surrounded with items, buildings and landscapes that reflect the values they want to promote in themselves. "Belief in the significance of architecture," he writes, "is grounded on the notion that we are, far better or far worse, different people in different places—and on the conviction that it is architecture's task to render visible to us who we might really be." People have an "over-



TALKING BUILDINGS: The Notre-Dame-du-Sacrament church in France, by the architect Le Corbusier, is rustic and uplifting

ent tendency to anthropomorphize objects. Things speak to us: they're inviting or intimidating or arrogant or playful. For instance, if the dominant thing you want to get away from is chaos and clutter," says de Botton, "then mantras would be appealing. Or if you're feeling an inner darkness, then a very lively and warm scene might be important to you. I guess we choose architecture a little bit like we choose people. We fall in love with qualities that we don't have enough of in ourselves."

Walk into a glassware shop, he says, and you'll find ornate, high-shapable "warm-beamed" windows or nightgowns and more

translucent tullesters that evoke "amberjacks or storm civil servants." A shopper will unwittingly gravitate toward the style that best reflects not who she is, but who she would be in a perfect world. At the same time, the gay dress code is largely because the "delicious temperance of the human she-dress recognizes" its form.

There's a reason that people today are so fixated on home. The *Architecture of Happiness* points. On the surface, it has a lot to do

with the fact that we have more money. "It's very penny-wise to build a nest and furnish it in a way that is sympathetic to you," says de Botton. "And all that's required therefore that cannot be wealth." Which would explain the deluge of "home-decor" magazines, home-renovation shows and celebrity home-reality series on loaded in the past decade.

On a broader scale, he says, the fact that our private spaces are becoming more important to us is a reflection of how ugly our public spaces have become, particularly North American cities. "The reason why people tend to find Paris or Amsterdam attractive is because everything looks the same," he says. "It's the repetition of the same, quite pleasing elements. The more variety is never really a good thing in architecture."

With many modern cities, new technologies and materials have given us too many variables, and an ever lack of agreed-upon design principles. "The ability to build in all different shapes, and very high into the sky," he says, "tends to confuse the eye. It's too much for a real visual sense."

The values reflected in the landscape of many modern cities are totally plausible. People are going up on them as vehicles of inspiration and of connection, turning instead to the obsessive peering of their own private spaces. "It might be," de Botton says, "that they've just said, 'Well, I can't change the world, but I can change my perch.'"

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# FOURNIER FOULS OUT

**The CBC chairman made some vulgar remarks—but was he just misunderstood?**

**BY SHARDA DEZIEL** • When radio deejay Pascal Beaudet told his colleagues at CHOQ—a French-language station in Toronto—that he was going to get the 75-year-old chairman of the CBC to take on-air for 15 minutes about the joys of going No 2, they laughed. "They said, 'You're disgusting!'" says Beaudet. "But I was dead serious." Eight years ago, Beaudet was a researcher on a Quebec talk show and Fournier, a TV writer, was one of the guests. "A book had come out in France about this," says Beaudet, "and Guy Fournier said, as a joke, 'Oh yeah, shitting is cool. When I am shitting, I look in the bowl and I say bye bye kaka.'" Beaudet called Fournier and asked if he'd do a rough-serve interview about the subject. And even though Fournier was now top dog at CBC Radio Canada, he agreed. "Yeah, he didn't think that way," says Beaudet, about the obvious lapse of judgment. "And I was hoping that he wouldn't." The result was a sketch like sentences of two dumb guys wailing lyrics about bowel movements, comparing them to orgasm. It was a satire and pure gold for Beaudet—but the beginning of the end for Fournier.

No one thought too much of it until Fournier retired another, more serious, indication earlier this month—saying LeBourais allowed hostility in the wake of both of these courses, Heritage Minister Bev Oda announced Fournier's resignation that week—one year into a five-year term that started under the Liberal government. Fournier is as well-known humor writer in Quebec and a respected 50-year veteran of the broadcast industry—a writer, producer and executive. He helped launch the *Télévision Quatre* business network in the '80s and was chair of many industry and government committees. Even after becoming a CBC board member and later chairman, he had lots of creative projects on the go, including a weekly column in *7 Jours*, a supermarket tabloid.

It was in a Sept. 9 column—read by 1.35 million—that Fournier went between a man and a female animal in a letter to LeBourais (but not between a man and male animal).

Job is not, no one laughed. And a university instructor of LeBourais doesn't announce plans to sue. Fournier went on the Quebec TV talk show *Star 6* to make up for the apology—and was further embarrassed when the host played his earlier defecation interview. Immediately, Fournier went live on a special writer-in-studio guest to an offensive, doddering host, who happens to be in charge of an already beleaguered broadcaster.

"In this man living on another planet that he could make such a casually disgusting and vulgar observation after the horrific defecation we've seen in LeBourais?" said Charlie Angas, an NDP member of the standing committee on Canadian heritage, and the only person to vote against Fournier's ap-

pointment last year. "It's a very outrageous thing to say about any minority. It's disgusting—it makes us look very bad again." The French media went further. An editorial in *Le Presse* called for his resignation, saying, "It was, without exaggeration, one of the most embarrassing moments in the history of Quebec journalism."

On the bright side, Quebec station Canal 5 was made behind Fournier and will air the remaining episodes of *Star 6* as a tribute—a daily cooking show that he co-hosts in fact, besides lots of support from those who trust that people pardon his gaffs. "He's well-known for provocative comments, for saying stuff that some people would consider politically incorrect," says TV writer/producer Wayne Grady, who co-hosted with Fournier on the CBC *Trudeau* miniseries. "He likes to stir the pot, but in his personal life he's a warm human being and one of the least politically incorrect guys I know." Ian Morrison, from *Friends of Canadian Broadcasting*, has been happy with Fournier's tenure and is willing to chalk the incident up to his eccentricity. "Any of us who has not



KING OF THE THRONE loses his crown

made a joke in his life involving excrement is probably not being human."

Even Angas wouldn't have cursed him, not just yet. Although now that it's happened he'll be pushing to end the political appointments of CBC executives. He prefers a transparent process, arguing it might help turn things around after a series of screw-ups at the Mother Corp. the federal, bunting *The National* for a reality show that bombed, dumping the *Tommy Douglas* film that cost millions to make. "I'm trying to pitch my own reality TV show to CBC," says Angas. "It will take eight people with no background in broadcasting and see if they can do a better job at running the CBC than our present size." Petty would need not apply. ■



#### THIS YOUNG MAN'S REAL LOVE WEIGHS A TON

The rising star of this year's professional bull-riding circuit is Brian Canter, of Randman, N.C. Canter, 18, is sixth in the points race since joining the circuit last year, and he's won US\$275,548. Whether champion Jerome Davis, who let Canter learn on his animals, says the youngster may well take this year's US\$1-million world championship. "There's something about riding a bull," Canter says. "It's easier being in the ring than with other people."







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# The best announcer in baseball

**The Blue Jays' Jerry Howarth calls the game the way Fred Astaire danced and Jack Benny told a joke; he gives you its essence** BY JAY TEITEL

## radio

That past year, there was a concerted campaign in Toronto and environs to convince the Baseball Hall of Fame to grant the 2006 Ford C. Frick Award for baseball broadcasting to Tim Lincecum, the late and legendary Toronto Blue Jays announcer, who died in 2005 of brain cancer. As a fan, it wasn't hard to understand the outpouring of affection for Chuck, the Blue Jays play-by-play man from the inception of the team in 1977 to the year before his death. A big, affable man with a voice to match, and a definite human touch, Chuck had also made the most famous call in Blue Jays history, of Joe Carter's World Series-winning home run in 1993. "Touch 'em all, Joe! You'll never hit a bigger home run in your life!"

But when Chuck, a Frick nominee in 2005 as well, failed to win the award, I didn't consider it the injustice most fans did. For one thing, I'd never loved Chuck as an announcer, he used to drive me crazy with what I regarded as the final line in radio-announcer-speak—he never gave you the score. ("But what's the 6—ing score, Tim?" I yelled more than once at the end of a game even in the '80s and '90s.) And for another thing, I'd always thought the guy sitting in the booth beside Tim for 13 of his 18 Blue Jays years, who would have called Carter's homer but for the coincidence of the timing—he and Chuck alternated play-by-play and colour during games—was one of Hall of Fame induction. More than that, it says here that Jerry Howarth, the announcing partner in question, is the best radio announcer in baseball today, probably the best baseball announcer overall (including TV), and possibly one of the best

baseball announcers who ever lived. This claim is not made, seriously, on the basis of great insight or humour or, heaven forbid, large oration. Jerry Howarth will not illuminate you the way a Joe Morgan will or assuage you like Joe Bowen or even reduce you to his large-handed, homely wail, like

great CBC broadcaster Allan Melvin used to call "Macauland," since Visually To Listen to Howarth do a baseball game is to understand the old paradox "Why do I prefer radio to TV? The pictures are better!"

Here, for instance, is Jerry describing the action in the bottom of the second inning in a recent game between the Blue Jays and the Cleveland Indians (from voice out, Stan Bo Choo of the Indians is on first, and A.J. Pieretti is pitching for the Jays).

*"[A.J.] Overly holds on the runner Choo at first, one out, and Burnett sets. There goes Choo, good jump, the pitch, fired to centre field, coming on Vernon, reaches down, makes the catch, and he'll just come on toward first. Rip it on a bounce to Chooch, now call it two, an amazing double play! Vernon with that Gold Glove looking for a third Gold and he's probably going to get that and a lot more. That extra knockoff the look with the headfirst, and at the end of two innings Blue Jays 1, Cleveland 2, as you're listening to General Motors Blue Jays baseball on the Fox Radio Network..."*

Sounds simple, no? Not if you're standing on your patio on a summer night, listening to the radio through the louvered window. With pure consonants we've just heard—consonants in Burnett: three ha piths, Choo broke no second to steel, with a good chance of



HOWARTH at the Rogers Centre in Toronto: There's not an ounce of hot air in the man

John Madden. He won't impress you with the accuracy of his vocabulary like Danny Calverio, or galvanize you with the strange macabre diction of a Roger Hewitt. All he will do is tell you what's going on. Howarth communicates baseball the way Fred Astaire danced and Jack Benny told a joke; he gives you its essence. As an announcer he is lean, supple, light on his feet and senses, smart, accurate, precise, fluidless, and about as much sleep. He is the definition of baseball, the best descriptor of the game, especially on the radio; he is

stealing the base, the Cleveland batter hit a line drive to centre field which Vernon Wells changed and caught just off his shoe-top, and then without breaking stride, and, because Choo was obviously caught so far off base, so nonchalantly flipped the ball to first base—so nonchalantly that he threw it on a bounce—to double off Choo and end the inning. An indelible picture with nary an adjective in sight. With the score three in, a couple of innings later Howarth (despite age, something his earlier descriptions of



Lyle Overbay of the Jays acing out in the bottom of the third inning on a Benjie Molina free single.

"It's 2 to 1 Blue Jays as we go to the bottom of the fourth inning. Steve Diaz Chalk shows from right field was up the third baseline on a bouncer, it was taken by the catcher Victor Martinez, and Lyle Overbay, who was around the tag of Martinez and then, headfirst, went around toward the plate side with his left hand, slipped the plate and was in with a beautiful slide. Molina cut down on the ground, having to go to the spring."

Howard produces little gems like this half a dozen times a game. His stock phrases—"There also goes!" for home runs, "The Blue Jays are in flight!" for the home team's first run in a game, "Call it two!" for double plays, "Beast!" for any number of positive developments, and his screaming, slightly over-the-top two runs when "beasts" fall off Blue Jays runs—may be over-the-top and over-the-top, but they're also usually rated as avoid being conspicuous clichés, they serve the team, and not the money. No modern announcer is less conscious of himself. It's a little ironic, but that's what in the sixth game of the 1992 World Series, which pitted the Blue Jays against the Atlanta Braves, Howard handed the microphone back to Tom Cheek in the

bottom of the 11th inning with the Jays leading 4-3, even though it was still his inning to call, so that Cheek, the original Blue Jays announcer, could commemorate the first Jays championship. "I was very pleased to do that," Howard said later.

The same modesty is evident in his progression through the announcing ranks

over the years. "I did football and basketball play-by-play as well as baseball, but at no time did he appear to fancy himself as an announcer. Even today, as the main act in the Blue Jays booth, his entrance can be a bit understated. Interviews with Howard tend to be studio in nature, by the end, you're dying for him to say something distinctive

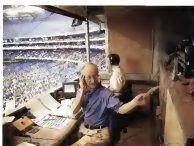


HOWARD is a rarity, almost an antidote for opposing home runs as he is for the exploits of the home team.

Born in 1946 in Pennsylvania, Howard spent his childhood in San Francisco, eventually attending the University of Santa Clara, where he originally planned to be a sports writer, he only switched to announcing after taking a few football and basketball games and subsequently thinking the play-by-play was a career choice. "I said, I think I can do bet-

ter than this." He did football and basketball play-by-play as well as baseball, but at no time did he appear to fancy himself as an announcer. Even today, as the main act in the Blue Jays booth, his entrance can be a bit understated. Interviews with Howard tend to be studio in nature, by the end, you're dying for him to say something distinctive

He is a proudly lively man, a true gentleman, and the last person on earth you'd probably choose to have lunch with. In other words, the perfect play-by-play guy. Which makes it even more curious that Howard has been basically overlooked, and not even as an announcer, by the baseball world. A 2005 USA Today ranking of cur-



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appears to be dated. What has been missed is the fact that Howard isn't old-fashioned but classic. It is, as an acquaintance says, "looking to turn on the radio and be back in 1970 again." Bill Kazma was quoted as saying Howard is timeless.

But he is not timeless, which is his only legacy. All the legends of sports history—the 1991 New York Giants' pressman, the 1978 Boston Red Sox's eighth game—was pressed to down, larger than life. They escape grandiosity only because the events they described actually are grand. But Jerry Howard doesn't have an ounce of hot air in him; he lacks the ability to be a blowhard, and so he's contented in the heights he can reach. The final way is one the most with the strange and perfect voice would probably

not announcing over in the major leagues placed the Blue Jays crew of Howard, Mike Wilner and Warren Swaine in 12th place in the American League, out of 14 teams overall. Warren Swaine, the crew's colour man, with six years of work in a career minor-league, he seems constitutionally incapable of direct criticism of any player, he is a chronic critic, just too nice a guy. Howard for his part he's nice in the same way at all. His steel appears when the integrity of the game he describes is at risk. Early this season he convinced the scorer at a Blue Jays-Colorado Rockies game to change an apparent second base by Jays catcher Benjie Molina (the first for the playoffs since Molina in 1993) to "defensive indifference," because the Angels had tried to throw Molina out. And

while more than a few baseball announcers today narrate big plays by muttering terms in his tones verging on the dazed, Howard is steadfast in being as unimpaired—all right, almost as unimpaired—for opposing home runs and defensive plays as he is for the exploits of the home team. Howard's vocal enunciation, he's honest one, which might be rare. And which just adds another note of scandal to baseball's neglect of his excellence.

Howard's games, after all, is based on a baseball "virtue" that is treated as unique among pro sports: respect for the past. Not only is his knowledge of the game encyclopedic, he has an innate delivery that in a world dominated by over-the-top and hype can

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apportion himself. Maybe it was only right that he handled the Mike "Tom Cheek" in 1992, and for some time that Cheek had it in '95 I can't imagine Jerry Howard calling Joe Carter's home run any more than I can hear him saying "Henderson has scored for Canada!" It's not made for the moment of a lifetime, only for the moment of the evening. Counting the playoffs, there are a possible 163 games in a baseball season's season. Jerry Howard is right for 162 of them. And that's good enough for him. ■

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## Keepin' it real is real stupid

**Juan Williams says enough with the culture of failure that's undermining Black America**

ST MARK STEETS

Faced with some problem or other, one of Margaret Thatcher's colleagues proposed creating a special cabinet department to deal with it. "Good God, no," said the Prime Minister. "Then we'll never get rid of it."

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total only black neighborhoods

Yama, whose New Yorker's columnists bring, there would be no political consequences from Kaczynski for President Bush, the fond hopes of Democrats, the U.S. media and virtually every corner market in Canada and Europe notwithstanding. Meet Americans looked in what was happening in New Orleans and concluded that it's upstair place to arrive a margarita with a topical transsexual Mardi Gras couple, but you wouldn't want to live there a deeply dysfunctional city exclusively controlled by Democrats for generations, it's a helluva mess with a hurricane ravaged quarter. Many of the people who were in the city to help the homeless Democrats the embarrassingly large police contingent led by New Orleans, the city's Mayor Goudy whose Emergency Management Panel consisted of finding the nearest TV camera and pointing it at everybody else, his decorator nevertheless retained him to do

out of the most loatheable racial solidarity. In his book *Enough: The Prey Leaders, Great End Movements, and Culture of Racism That Are Undermining Black America—and What We Can Do About It*, Juan Williams observes that, for the duration of Katrina, Mayor Nagin moved his family to Dallas "aside from his role as public servant, he's a successful black businessman and thus, like most others in

hit class in New Orleans, could immediately self-freeze the dependancies of the hurricane: "People with cars, credit cards, bank accounts, family," as Williams put it, had a way out. If you're poor and black in the Big Easy, you'd be better off paying attention to what a man like Ray Nagin does for himself rather than what he promises to do for you.

At the heart of Enrigo is a sad and terribly poignant proposition: "We've made it taboo," says the writer Shirley Steele, "to talk about the words 'blacks' and 'responsibility' in the same breath." Four decades of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society as mediated by the presidential life of the white-giant industrialist have destroyed the black family and mined it in a culture of self-contamination. From the present wreckage, there are two ways to go: the black leadership can pursue the mirage of welfare dependencies, which to a kind of utter deservery and would likely prove just as destructive, or blacks can identify the present "phony leaders," as Williams calls them, and begin the hard work of rebuilding their families and communities.

Joan Williams is a certified liberal, so she's not a certifiable liberal. And so he's looked at the numbers—70 per cent of black children are born out of wedlock, a higher proportion of black men are in prison than any other racial group [two statistics that are not unrelated]—and concluded that the post-civil rights black leader hip and its policies are a total bust. For having the importance to



FINALLY A BOOK ABOUT...JENNING'S ON TRIVIA

Ker Jinnings, that is, the all-time Jeopardy! champ, the kind of guy Concept even more so) who knows that Herb Grift is composed (the show's theme song, *Aladdin* [Grandison House]) is a hymn to the glory of the wacko face—there's more shtva in here than in a dozen Jeopardy! shows—and a good-humoured account of Jinnings' transformation, through 2,642 correct answers and \$2.5 million in prizes, from computer programmer to hard-core



COA-14 POWELL. Damned for daring to wander off the Barack's victim-culture plantation

wander off. If a Democrat violates culture plan tations, he's been damned to quasi-mythical as- sess "Black superstition"; a black man who's no longer automatically black, in the way that Colin Powell and Condoleezza's success within the Republican party in a field negates their race; or, if you like, the elusive "Oreo"—a black man who's white on the inside, like the famous cookies, which were supposedly hurled at Michael Steele, a black Republican candidate in this year's Senate race in Maryland.

The concept of "aestheticism"—that one's skin colour mandates particular behaviour—such as voting Democrat and supporting "affirmative action"—is, of course, racist. But the peculiar touchiness of the black community on this question recurs again and again in Williams's book: "The defence of counter-race, with its words of sense and reason,"

APPARENTLY THE BLACK COMMUNITY CAN'T RELATE TO SOME WHITE-BREAD WIND LIKE HURRICANE ANDREW TEARING UP THE JOINT

der, was first it was all about 'keeping it real.' " he writes. "In that stunning perversion of Black culture, anyone who spoke against the self-destructive code of gangster rap was put down as acting white."

This is a disturbing theme whose significance extends far beyond music—in this case, "music" is by no means limited to duddin' ethnic stereotypes—the Scots are stonks, the Germans burlesques, etc.—but, if one were to ascribe certain characteristics to particular ethnic groups, you'd be hard put to banish African-Americans with as many disabling pathologies as are currently coiled under the justification of "keeping it real." Violence, murder, and self-harm were marketed as true blackness—authentic black identity," says Williams. "Keeping it real" insists the rapper Nelly making a video in which he swears a credit card through his girl's butt. "Keeping it real" means men are violent and misogynic, women are "sluts, ho-

long chicken heads, and of course bitches." "Keepin' it real," roared the water-Nick Crow, equates, at first, to "disrespectment." Because of being black men, being a self-destructive self-gratifying criminal roving machine, and building a career, setting down, getting a nice house in the suburbs, raising a family is seen as, that would seem to hand whitey an awful lot of advantages.

"Authenticity" is surely a more reductive view of the black experience than your average 19th-century minstrel show would try to pass off. A few years back, arguing for the teaching of "liberics" as a distinct language, professor Ron Williams of Los Angeles City College proffered a list of black American contributions to the English language: hip, cool, jive, jiving around, go high, grammarize, hot, hot to the moon, flow, moon with, stomp.

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IND LIKE  
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Williams recalls that in 1956 "a gang of white men dragged the famous black singer Nina 'Kang' Cole off a stage and beat her to death. They said he was singing love songs to white women." They weren't wrong about that: my grandmother loved him. In the early 1950s, he called up his record company, whose offices he had enriched for many years, and sang upon a stage when the receptionist answered "Capitol Records, home of the lioness." I think we can guess how Cole would have felt about passing par. Duke Ellington has died too, in company with Duke Ellington.

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Stacy Degg: Soon Joplin would have regarded today's "black culture" as an oxymoron. To eliminate a century and a half's tradition of beauty and grace from your identity isn't "keeping it real," it's keeping real those of young black men and women used in ways the most malevolent bull-necked racist could never have dreamed. ■

Germans. Last week I mentioned, hot off the press, that a deeply wicked man, Guðbrúnur Hekmatýrar, had been captured in Afghanistan. Well, they caught someone, but after they ran the tests they concluded that it wasn't him. He's still out there, alas, but not to worry, he's done well enough.





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ANCHORMAN: After *Good Morning America* and *Nightline*, Newman came home to do the national news—and salvage a failing network

## An anchor weighs in on the details

In five years, Kevin Newman has made *Global National Canada's* most-watched news show

BY RANEE MACDONALD • In 2000, at the time on the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, and in an industrial corner of suburban Vancouver, like a *Newsweek*, in black (franchise) to tie, in leading a free broadcast of *Global National*. From the control room, producers and technicians work methodically as the broadcast (at 5:00 ET) rolls. As items are about to hit the air, jaded pers capitalised, a soldier's neck is inserted, the spelling of a widow's name corrected. The speed of the hurricane blowing through Bermuda (a fact Newman, himself, dug up) is checked. Twice (Newman was right.) Mid-broadcast, producers decide they'll go ahead with another of Newman's suggestions: *Supper—dinner—will* to reduce a segment on a soldier's bond in Ottawa.

And the choice, then, a sudden surprise: any anchoring *Global National* debuted five years ago, after parent company CanWest Global Communications Corp. decided to pump a reported \$9.5 million into a Western-based national newscast headed by Newman. It's paid off. The flagship leads badly needed credibility to a network better known for its lineup of *American* programmes. Despite a bare-bones budget (reportedly half that of *CTV News*, and about a third of *CBC's The National*), it has become—arguably, for ratings—a steady game—Canada's most watched national news program, at least on weekdays. And that success has taken over Newman—five years ago, from the upper ranks of ABC—in a snap.

Newman, 42, grew up in Mississauga, Ont., the proverbial late blooming nerd. In high school he had thick glasses and waffles, loved politics but didn't play hockey—and picked up his competitive drive a little later than most. News, he discovered at the Uni-

versity of Western Ontario, where he had set up campus radio station *CHOR* in 1981, was his element. He's been chasing news—naturally, according to colleagues—ever since. "You're in a broadcast with a lot of A-type personalities," recalls Paul Adams, a journalism professor at Carleton University, who worked with Newman in the 1980s on the *CBC "But Kev"*. Adams pauses, chuckling—"he seemed a real bad."

*Global National* launched on Labour Day Monday, 2001. "We were like your kids," Newman laughs, "just trying to get attention. Hey, we're here! We're here!" Eight days later, planes attack the World Trade Center in Manhattan. "I got a call, 6:15 P.M. time," Newman recalls. "Something had happened. As I'm leaving the house, my wife yells, 'A second one!' 'Like everyone else, you just realise at that moment it's not coincidence. We'd been on the air five or six days, so we'd barely connected the wires. How all of a sudden we're trying to figure out how to broadcast live." Newman cancelled his newborn room through 17 grumbling hours of airtime. "Somehow it all came together," Newman says. "All the lessons I'd learned at ABC, from watching Peter Jennings, my own experience and not getting ahead of the story."

Newman was already known for baring his teeth under pressure. In 1994, he left *CBC's*

*Nightline* for a job at ABC in New York, but big breaks at the U.S. network came on the day of Princess Diana's death. "It was a Labour Day weekend and all the newsmen were out at the Bahamas, so they called me in to do duty until the big dogs came in," Newman says. The big dogs never arrived, and Newman stayed on the air. *TV Guide* called him a star. ABC brass moved him up.

It was a disaster. In May 1998, he and Lisa McRee were thrown together in a short-notice, Newman says—to co-host *Good Morning America*. ABC's struggling morning show. They lasted eight months. It was a colossal—and widely publicized—failure. Viewers never warmed to the pair, deemed "odd." Newman fired slightly better than McRee (he was doing public television in L.A.), where *USA Today* tagged in "hey" Newman erupted a little. "I wasn't," he admits. "I'm not really the life of the party guy."

Still, he bounced back, moving to Bob Koppel's *Nightline* as a correspondent before taking the helm of *Global National*. He learned his trade by skinning, then evaluating news anchors at Jennings' at *Global* he leads by example. Before he gets to the studio at 9:30 a.m., he's read the papers, shot off a quick by email, and tuned in to the daily conference call. As well as anchor, he's the executive editor, involved in every aspect of the show—down to the music that leads into the segments, and, some days, to checking the wind speed in Bermuda. ■



## STOP THE PRESSES... NO DOGS ON THE ATLANTIC

"A listing in Sunday *Calendar* said hot dogs would not be allowed at the Scandinavian Autumn Fair and Marathon on Sept. 17 at Vaux Park in Ayr. No hot dogs will be allowed at the event."

—*Ayr News* for Times, Sept. 15

"A view on Page 7 of Sunday's *Tribune* section incorrectly placed the Atlantic Ocean near San Francisco. The city is beside the Pacific Ocean." —*Chicago Tribune*, Sept. 13





EXPOSED: Anir Tofengatan (right) had his hard drive's contents—including photos of women's legs snapped on sidewalks—posted online

## Wearing the digital dunce cap

**The art of cyber vengeance uses an old standby of medieval justice: public humiliation**

**BY RYAN BODGE** • Last November, an unscrupulous British eBay merchant named Anir Tofengatan (who happens to have a second face book—irony on that in a moment) sold Thomas Sawyer a broken laptop and then took two months to ship it. Our sympathies should rest with Sawyer, since the laptop was advertised to be in good working order, and the seller failed to provide a refund. But it's hard not to feel a little sorry for the 39-year-old Tofengatan, who, as it turns out, also enjoys posing shenanigans before his webcam. The reason we can be so well informed about Tofengatan's peccadilloes is that Sawyer decided to post the contents of the laptop's hard drive a few months ago at [www.anirtofengatan.blogspot.com](http://www.anirtofengatan.blogspot.com).

Thus, blog reader learned many intimate details about Tofengatan, including his (perhaps unsurprising) C grade in business studies. Listed in part by dozens of cameras, phone photos of women's legs unwittingly snapped by Tofengatan on the subway, the site has received more than 3.4 million page views.

Forget camera snafu—try video bawls. Tofengatan's shenanigans go on extreme, but not uncommon, examples of how the Web is being used by a variety of disgruntled consumers to seek justice. Vincent Fennell's now famous MP3 of the broadcasting he received as he tried to record his AOL account earned him an interview on the Today Show, among others, and got the miscreant AOL staffer fired. Consumerist.com, the blog that broke the story, later received and posted up secrets AOL mailing manuals revealing that all staff are taught to retain cartoons on by almost any means necessary. Similarly, there's the recent video of a Comcast cable repair guy who fell asleep on a customer's couch, snoring through

the job—which reached No. 31 on YouTube's most viewed comedy clips of all time. That's not to mention the dozens of this company's do-it-yourself—Alister, Nepal, United Airlines, and Home Depot are just a few of the targets—or the popularity of the now-substantiated city recommender services site [www.grip.com](http://www.grip.com), which doesn't let local businesses who get three stars or fewer advertise.

Digital technology makes it easy to record transgressions and publicly disseminate them. But while the tools are cutting-edge, the moral sentiment underpinning cyber vengeance is positively medieval. Offenders were sticking advertisements and petty threats into chains of stone carvings before the invention of the camera. It turns out the digital dunce cap can still work better than the sophisticated remedies of the 21st-century legal system. A few minutes on the net can cause more physical discomfort, but just ask the Star Wars blog about the effects of public humiliation.

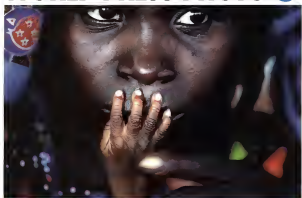
It's worth noting that medieval justice isn't retrofitted for its relevance, or fairness. It revenge produces instant gratification and may force companies to become more responsive out of fear. But in the long run, gripe sites may outgrow their own effectiveness. What choice do we have if the Web tells us, for instance, that every amateur company out there sucks? The potential for abuse, too,

is vast. Barker the snitch, a Seattle resident, Jason Fortney, posted a fake, usually explicit female seeking male personal ad on Craigslist. Within 24 hours, he had 278 Friday responses, replies with photographs, credit and home phone numbers, all of which he posted at [www.mychickpostinginformation.com](http://www.mychickpostinginformation.com).

Marketing professor James C. Ward and Amy L. Ortmann, writing about gripe sites in the current issue of the *Journal of Consumer Research*, conclude that the sites often frame their complaints in the language of injustice and civic protest. This is not entirely surprising. The dulcet of consumer complaint is to say one is ticked up. Hiding behind the noble banner of citizen journalism, ordinary shoppers can choose the moral high ground of public shaming over what consumers did for years: write letters. (We complain with the Better Business Bureau.)

Stoking it to the cable guy online should not be confused with venting it to the man. It nevertheless is. Angry consumers bring a passion to their cause, normally associated with those behind the barricade. Forget our ethics as believers—if you want to witness engaged activists, watch a mob of angry shoppers. In China and Korea, mobs of angry women now organize themselves online into collective bargaining units and descend upon stores on strike, demanding a direct person-to-person to leave and justice occurs. Stronger words may appear impossible, but seeing a little money in still within our grasp. ■

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**North Americans are buzzing about a 'miracle' fruit Brazilians have known for ages**

**BY ISABEL VINCENT** • A deep purple berry that grows wild in the Brazilian rainforest is the world's "miracle" food. Dubbed *Açaí* (pronounced ah-sah-ee), it has 10 times more antioxidants than red grapes, offers a huge boost of energy, prevents premature aging according to one doctor, and, as a scientific study recently proved, can even destroy cultured human cancer cells. Known to the inhabitants of the Amazon rainforest for hundreds of years, *açaí* was recently discovered by talk show host Oprah Winfrey. In fact, she made it "superfood No. 1" on her website of 10 foods that are essential to overall good health and well-being. The website calls it "nature's perfect energy fruit." Proponents, which have been actively marketed for their antioxidant value, did not even make the list.

*Açaí* Canada Inc., which is the main distributor of *açaí* in Canada, has been selling *açaí* pulp for the last year and a half, marketing the berries as the premier trend in "functional" food. Frozen *açaí* pulp is available at health and gourmet food shops. Some health clubs have begun using it in smoothies. Next month, the company will begin selling *Nova Açaí*, an *açaí* beverage in a 250-ml Tetra Pak container. "Its claim to fame is its nutritional value," said Claudia Zuccato, a spokesperson for *Açaí* Canada in Toronto, "with antioxidant capacity three times greater than blueberries and two times greater than pomegranates."

Although *açaí* is consumed daily by millions in Brazil, in North America little is known about the berry, which is the size of a blueberry and grows wild on a flood plain of the Amazon River. At the University of Florida, researchers recently found that *açaí*

is effective in destroying cultured human cancer cells. The study, which is ongoing, found that extracts from the *açaí* berries "triggered a self-destruct response" in over 86 per cent of leukemia cells. Still, the research is in its early stages, and researchers caution that they are still uncertain about how the berry, which has 75 compounds that scientists have yet to identify, benefits conditions such as high blood pressure and cholesterol. In Brazil, *açaí* has been traditionally used to treat digestive ailments and skin conditions.

"*Açaí* berries are already considered one of the richest food sources of antioxidants," said Stephen Tokos, an assistant professor with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences in Gainesville. "This study was an important step toward learning what people may gain from using beverages, dietary supplements and other products made with the berries."

The purest, undiluted form of *açaí* is consumed in Brazil where the berries are harvested from the *Açaí* palm (*Euterpe oleracea*), which grows wild in the rainforest outside the Amazonian city of Belém. *Açaí*, extremely perishable, is used in Brazil right after harvesting, or frozen and marketed as *açaí* pulp. In the Amazon region, there is even ice cream made from *açaí*. In the big cities in the south-

ern part of the country, *açaí* is mainly used in power drinks and smoothies. Popularized because of its powerful boost of energy by *jiu jitsu* and *judo* enthusiasts who work out at myriad martial arts academies in Rio de Janeiro's beachfront neighbourhood of Copacabana, *açaí* is usually consumed partly frozen as juice or as a bowl, topped with granola, honey, nuts or tropical fruit. It has the consistency of a deep purple Shakes and tastes like a mixture of berries and chocolate.

"I take it about three times a day," says Edson Rodrigues Ricardo, a *açaí* instructor at the Equipe Palácio Academy in the heart of Copacabana. "This is pure iron. I have an American friend who can *açaí* every day for lunch. You can easily see it is a food replacement. If you have a bowl in the middle of the day, you won't be hungry for a long time."

In Rio, it's not just breakfast type. *Açaí* is consumed by everyone from athletes to the elderly and young children. Francisco Ferreira, the manager of Kite Surco, an outdoor lunch counter in Copacabana, says most and many tourists are asking for *açaí*. In Rio, where it is available at just about every juice and smoothie bar, a daily, a helping bowl retails for the equivalent of \$1.50. "When I have a bowl of this stuff, I feel like I can fly to the moon," said one Australian tourist at the Kite Surco lunch counter who did not want to be identified. "*Açaí* is awesome. It's like taking steroids in some things, except there are no negative side effects." ■

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## My fifteen hours with football, Fritos and the freaks



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Thanks to advances in  
technology and network  
television, it is now possible  
to watch NFL football,  
highlights and better live  
coverage on Sundays. But  
can we avoid unpleasant side effects such as  
fatigue, heartburn and drowsiness? One man  
willingly volunteered to find out—no end  
to a rough holiday that will live in infamy,  
this certainly is busy. That man,  
clocked in the stability of human courage  
and a thin layer of Christmas dust, was me.  
You're welcome.

10:45 A.M. ET It's all about four hours  
and kickoff, but I'll go on the NFL Network  
to group-to-date on the big games of the day.  
Instead, former coach Jim Mora is offering  
a detailed analysis of the Pittsburgh Steelers  
and their coach's habit of celebrating big  
plays by kissing his players. "I never kissed  
a player," Mora declares firmly, but later  
gives up for full disclosure. "I've hugged 'em.  
Patted 'em on the rear." And then, his hand  
crapped just as the score adopted a strategy  
game of reverse and longings.

10:50 Have you seen the id for the  
unhappy or release of the Star Wars DVD?  
The first feature is a deal he's all psyched that  
his kid get to see the same movie he loved as  
a boy. Anyway, toward the end of the  
commercial, the little girl declares that she'd  
love to have a Wookiee like Chewbacca as a  
pet. And no one can say: Yo, dole, the  
Wookiees are a proud and sentient race  
of hairy bipeds capable of tremendous courage  
and shindig! They are not just! (That said,  
little girl if you smelt the fridge with chili  
sauce, Jilly Dee Wilks will come late as  
your house for free. Same principle.)

10:55 This is just a rough collection of  
on paper but I reckon Tom Riddle is likely  
as the average Canadian to hear the word  
"guilt" today.

11:00 After the highlight of any football  
Sunday. Thanks to Terry Bradshaw, the Hall  
of Fame quarterback turned Fox TV analyst.  
With his very intense, Bradshaw rounds  
on the few things make for better television  
than planning a paragraph to a man who  
spent his professional life absorbing repeated  
blows to the head.

11:05 Terry Bradshaw is a quarterback of the  
Minnesota Vikings to a blizzard combined  
as best. As he speaks, you can actually feel  
Acronyms getting dumber. Now let's making

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the NFL great—the small of success. The league  
and about endgame celebration inspired by  
Buffy (hey, hey) and also made one implied  
by Jennifer Lopez. It's about cheerleaders  
pulling on their short shorts and digging on  
their cleavage showcasing tops that accom-  
pany every curve, every party number, and  
where we're going with this again? Oh, right.  
It's about something on NBC's Football Night  
in America saying, "Hey, I know, let's not call  
them highlights. Let's call them MEGA-high-  
lights!"—and not only someone saying that,



As Fox TV analyst Terry Bradshaw speaks, you  
can actually feel America getting dumber

childish thence his colleagues, "Wow—maybe,  
but maybe, this will be the episode where we  
finally get a glimpse of the squirrel that lives  
inside his shell."

11:45 Delicious France, the snack that puts  
the "often" in "society."

11:50 Used to be that a big defense line  
man would flex and prance about after making  
a really big play—but in today's NFL you  
don't need to go to all the effort of being  
competent. Now you can celebrate after  
doing your job poorly. For instance, Buffalo  
just ran for a four-yard gain and, upon making  
the tackle, a Miami defender stuck his  
finger—in, possibly, his throat. With this, you  
might expect from a Super Bowl champion  
under the Gold Gloves. Go ahead, be  
like an NFL player when you flip up the cap  
or in work someone morning, spike your  
head in celebration while shaking your pelvis  
aggressively. You deserve it.

11:55 It's been here in front on the  
TV and I think my eye is finally starting to  
reel. One check just handed the other a  
purple punch promoting unconscious.

12:00 Miami. Screen TV Dinner  
6:16 Ewok. Screen TV Dinner

12:05 Just watched footage of a mauling  
recover commemorating a touchdown by  
doing the chicken dance. This is what makes

12:10 The final game of the night is just  
starting but already I feel enjoy it's getting  
here. Could be longer or it could have  
something to do with us being put in nine  
pounds today.

12:15 On a day that will separate the L.A.  
Bears from the L.A. Rams. I'm now watching  
football standing up. I am so subdued.  
12:20 Dallas was there going 37-30. After  
849 minutes, and approximately the same  
number of Doreen, I ran off the TV. I'm home  
the worse and all the better. Also less than 21  
hours 'til Monday Night Football! ■

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#### EXHIBIT

### WHY FOLLOW THE CROWD?

You'd think that the best place to take in the art of Cai Guo-Qiang, a Chinese artist famous for his clever use of controlled explosions, would be in his adopted home, New York City. After all, Cai's specially commissioned revolving display is on at the Metropolitan Museum of Art until Oct. 29. Elsewhere in Manhattan, his *Drawing for Transient Architecture*, made by blowing up gunpowder between two sheets of heavy paper, is featured in the Museum of Modern Art's newly opened survey of major contemporary art, *Out of Time*, which runs to April 3, 2009.

But why endure NYC crowds and prices? Catch a bigger Cai bang-a-bang show including huge installations like cars from his running flight through the air in a Hollywood-style stunt crash in Shawingang, Que., of all places. The National Gallery of Canada chose Cai for its annual summer exhibition (as co-curator of the summer in Jean Chrétien's housewarming, which the gallery started using as a satellite venue back when Chrétien was prime minister). If you squint in a replica of Shawingang's Cai crash Oct. 2, expect plenty of elbow room: last year just 2,000 visitors took in the federal gallery's summer season of offing at the out of the way space about a 90-minute drive north of Montreal. John Golder

**FREEZE FRAME:** Cai's cars are stuck in a Hollywood-style stunt crash



#### TELEVISION

### KNAPP'LL BRING 'EM BACK

Globetrotter's new series *Hollywood* started fast when Leopold Can was scratched and his rich NYC partner (Timothy Hutton) and Dore Decker (Helen Mirren) stepped in.



out Knapp (Jennifer Garner) to lead their team. Only a few of the pilot's dangling threads are woven into the second episode, which re-visits around another missing Can child, but reveals enough of the cleverly plotted story to keep viewers hooked. Patricia Thibault

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#### INSTRUMENTAL

### NEIL, LIKE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD HIM

Remember Neil Young's voice? Neil Young's tunes themselves, let's be honest, a substantial distraction. But the voices of Neil Young, the new album by Toronto instrumental quartet Senses Failed (on Northern Exposure), beyond the absence of Young's voice. Led by Kevin Bevil, the astonishingly lyrical and tactile

guitarist, Neil Young's voice provides a fascinating perspective on the way on terror. Hargreaves (all of which is not the well-funded network it has been made out to be, but rather a disorganized band of desperate dead-enders. Even if you disagree with Naylor's and Americanism, his detailed reporting on terror funding is compelling. Steve Math

#### FILM

### HE WON'T DO THAT AGAIN

In *The Last Kiss*, the mere thought that her boyfriend (Zach Braff) may have been in a faithful monogamous Jacobs' father's character Jones from sweet gettand to women scorned. The morning *hush* scene—who seeks several scenes in the course of the 2008 Italian film *L'ultima notte*—delivers one of the more believable and fiery bits of screen rage in recent time. John Golder

#### BOOKS

### DEADBEAT TERRORISTS

When not bemoaning the reader's loss of the world's most powerful U.S. foreign policy McGill economist R.T. Naylor's

new book *States: Power provides a fascinating perspective on the way on terror. Hargreaves (all of which is not the well-funded network it has been made out to be, but rather a disorganized band of desperate dead-enders. Even if you disagree with Naylor's and Americanism, his detailed reporting on terror funding is compelling. Steve Math*

#### MUSIC

### ROCK FOR RELIEF

On *Help: A Day in the Life*, *War Child* Canada has taken the best from the U.S. version of the disc—including Colaplay and Radiohead—and added several original tracks from Canadian. The best cover courtesy of Neil Young (My Arm) and Metric's Emily Haines, who does a terrific cover of Bob Dylan's Don't Let Me Be This Way. It's All About John Golder











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